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SILVER WEDDING.

From the Albany morning *Express*, is extracted the following:—A silver wedding of a most unique and interesting kind, occurred at East Albany last night. For three weeks the Railroad Association had been arranging for the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Michael McLaughlin, in recognition of McLaughlin's faithful service in the employ of the Boston & Albany railroad. Mr. McLaughlin is a deaf-mute, and is not only very popular among railroad men, but is well-known and has many friends among the deaf-mutes in Greenbush, this city and Troy. The Railroad Association room was donated for the occasion, and at 8 o'clock the deaf-mute couple began to receive their friends, many of whom came in, paid their respects to the happy pair, and left after partaking of refreshments.

It was not especially for the entertainment of these friends who were gifted with speech and hearing that the arrangements had been made, but for the pleasure of the deaf-mute friends, who commenced to arrive at 8:30. The rooms soon held twenty-four people, who, although not uttering a sound except laughter made themselves understood to one another almost as easily as if they had had the power of speech.

When the whole company had arrived each person not acquainted with the rest would be put through what appeared to an onlooker one of the strangest introductions possible. In a flash the name of one of the mutes was communicated to another, and an instant later the fingers and arms of one would be flying about in lively fashion. The motions were readily understood and answered by similar gestures by the other.

It would have been a difficult matter to find anywhere a more intelligent looking or better appearing party of young people than those assembled last night. Even the games played by the young people were characterized by a difference from ordinary games and a uniqueness which could be appreciated by a stranger.

After a number of games had been played, a series of motions resembling the execution of a classical selection by Rubenstein were made by one who appeared to be the leader of the silent party. This was a request to the pianist—who by the way was not a deaf-mute—to play a reel, and soon the party was ranged along the room ready for the dance. It was not only a strange but a ludicrous sight to see the dancers go through the changes of the dance in time that was altogether at variance with that of the music. Why the music was played at all still remains a mystery to the *Express* reporter, for even after it had ceased the merry dancers continued in their own way, seemingly entering into the fun with all their hearts.

A feature of the evening was a burlesque on a campaign speech, delivered by a deaf-mute named Kenny. Standing before a small table he commenced his silent harangue. He moved his lips, though no sound issued; but his gestures were so clear that his audience understood. At intervals, when the speaker scored some good point, applause followed. In his speech he touched upon the prohibition question, and at this point had recourse to an imaginary bottle, which soon filled him up, after which he continued his speech, apparently in a maddening manner, until one of the party, acting as policeman, removed him from the platform. That speech delivered by Mr. Kenny before a larger audience would have given him a reputation as a star deaf-mute actor.

One of the young ladies who volunteered to dance a jig, insisted on having music, although she had to be informed when it began. The jig was danced, and although not in time with the piano, was neatly executed. At 12:30 the guests filed into the gymnasium room and partook of a generous repast, which was preceded by a "gesture blessing," asked by Mr. McLaughlin.

The deaf-mute guests were: The Misses May Henry, Maggie Flynn, Maggie Dugan, C. Welch and Hagen, Messrs. M. Kendrick, Henry Held, Thure A. Carlman, Martin Flynn, Lawrence Toole, Dempsey and Philip Sharkey, of Albany; Miss Maggie Murphy and Messrs. H. A. Burt, Jas. C. Ritter, Jno. L. Connors and J. S. Kenny, of this city. During the evening Prof. Frank McDonough and Joseph Dugan gave a number of excellent instrumental and vocal solos.

The host and hostess were the recipients of many handsome and costly presents. The host is a familiar figure among the railroad men, and has been in the employ of the Boston & Albany Railroad Company for twenty-five years. He was a former member of our society in his youth, and is a frequent and welcome visitor at the Society rooms.

On Saturday evening, not long ago, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Collins were taken by surprise by a concourse of their friends loaded with tin articles, pushing open the door and marching into the room where Mr. Collins was reading the city papers, absolutely dreaming nothing of the surprise in store for him that evening. He and his wife had passed the ten-mile marriage post only one year ago. He jumped to his feet, and was so much surprised that only a puzzled smile curled his lips. Then they passed into the other room, where Mrs. C. was busily engaged in housewifely duties. She was as much surprised as her husband. Soon all were making merry. An excellent collation which preceded and followed by games, was enjoyed by those present to their hearts' content. Those who participated were: Mr. C. Augustus Smith and wife; Misses M. Murphy, Eva L. Demers, Messrs. J. C. Ritter, J. S. Kenney, J. Drum, and H. Brown of this city; Mr. Fuller and wife, *nee* Overton, Misses Bella De Willegar, May Henry, Myra Warren, M. Flynn and Lewis, and Messrs. Myron Palmer and Thure E. Carlman, of Albany.

Miss Maggie Flynn was most agreeably surprised on Halloween, in honor of her birthday. In addition to the usual games, superstitious and ancient games were indulged in. The most amusing of them was catching with the mouth an apple stuck on one end of a rod with a lighted candle on the other end, suspended from the centre of the ceiling by a string. In catching and chasing the apple around in vain, the lighted candle was sure to bother him and liable to set his or her hair on fire. Mr. Cutter, who by nature is of a nervous disposition, produced the most laughable incident of the evening in his frantic attempt to bite the apple, when the candle struck him on the back of his head. Immediately, as though touched by electricity, he lowered himself and crawled on fours toward his chair. After an excellent supper at 12 o'clock, they dispersed, reporting a grand time.

Another surprise was given Miss May Henry on Tuesday evening, the 2d inst., and eclipsed others of its kind in the character of the games, including an entertainment, which, by previous practice, was a success, and voted by all those present as the most laughable they had ever seen given by the deaf-mutes within the walls of the city of Albany. It was participated in by Joseph S. Kenny, whose reputation, the city papers said, would have given him the title as a star deaf-mute actor before a larger audience. Thure E. Carlman, C. F. Mull and John L. Connors, managed the play. Among those present were noticed Mr. and Mrs. Cutter, Mrs. H. A. Burt, the Misses Maggie Flynn, Hotaling, Lewis, M. Murphy, Lizzie, Murphy, and Messrs. C. F. Mull, T. E. Carlman, J. M. Whitbeck, J. S. Kenney, J. L. Connors and others.

Mr. John R. Becker and wife, of North Easton, visited their relations in town on Thanksgiving Day. By the sale of turkeys which Mr. Becker had brought to town, he made \$18. Messrs. W. G. Shanks, Henry Held, H. B. Brown, and Messrs. Eva L. Demers enjoyed Mr. and Mrs. Becker's company greatly, and treated them to a generous turkey dinner. Mr. Becker and wife experienced a sad accident on their way here. Half way between North Easton and here, something under the wagon frightened the span of horses, so that they suddenly shied and started at a wild speed and when the wagon pole struck a telegraph pole, the harness was cut off, giving the horses an opportunity to run away in two directions. They were soon brought back without a scratch. John was thrown into the road, but escaped being hurt.

Mrs. Cutter, Miss May Henry and Mr. T. E. Carlman spent Thanksgiving Day visiting Miss Henry's cousins, twelve miles south of Albany. They returned home in the evening and had lots of news to tell their country cousins.

Mr. and Mrs. Milne, of Hoosick Falls, spent Thanksgiving Day in town as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Burt. It will be remembered that Mr. Milne lost his right arm in a

railway accident. He has now a wooden one, so carefully and artificially arranged, that he can use it almost as good as the other.

Mr. Bradshaw, of Quaker Street, visited Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin on Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Augustus Smith enjoyed the company of Misses B. De Willegar and Lewis, and Mr. M. Palmer on that day.

Messrs. J. S. Kenney and Jno. L. Connors spent the day traveling from city to city. In the evening they enjoyed the company of a large number of friends at Albany.

DEVELOPER.

CANTON, O.

For the time I shall attempt to contribute something to your nicely printed and very valuable paper, which, I hope, will prove to be acceptable and of interest to at least a few of your readers, though that horrible, yawning waste-basket, comes before my mind's eye with digestive organs so perfect, no trace of dyspepsia being visible, that my pen almost comes to a standstill. But remembering your gentle disposition, untiring energy in behalf of the friends that remember your paper, and that it is no foolish thing for a young man to improve his leisure moments by contributing some news to a paper, I am encouraged to proceed.

The business of furnishing amusements is a great financial enterprise. Thousands of money are invested in the great outlay for amusement, and much money must be collected from the people to pay for them. One opera house, of Canton, O., receive more money a year for admissions than the expense of all the Protestant churches of the city.

Mr. John Wickel and wife have moved from Rex Street. They like their new residence much better than their former one.

Mr. Thomas Crowley is still working for the Canton Watch Manufacturing Company at good wages and our hopes for his future prosperity.

Mr. Wood expects to spend most his vacation in Cincinnati in visiting his parents. Mr. Wood will be married to a lady named Miss Emma Stembler this month.

Miss Belle Anderson has steady work in the factory of the Duerber Watch Company during winter, and is so pleased with her work that we desired her to remain longer.

Mrs. Monnin is very jovial and cheerful in her disposition, and charmingly entertains her old friends who may visit her.

From Chicago.

Our Nation's Thanksgiving Day has come and gone, and is now a thing of the past. There were many happy reunions around the board within the millions of homes in this broad land of ours, especially in this Queen City of the West, which in her conscious pride claims the Columbian Exposition and Auditorium, one of the most magnificent buildings in all the Western States, which in dimensions and architecture cannot be equalled.

We think it is high time that you, the highly cultivated and learned of the East, should be made aware of the fact that we, out here in this "wild and woolly west" have organized a society of deaf-mutes in respectable standing, composed of both sexes. So yesterday being a day to give thanks for the blessings showered upon us, both natural and spiritual, the society banqueted its friends and acquaintances at the house of its secretary, Mr. Ed. P. Holmes. There was a goodly number in attendance, of both young and old, smiling and happy mothers and little children in their innocence and beauty, to lend pleasure to the occasion. The tables were loaded with all the delicacies from the animal and vegetable kingdoms, and that, too, in spite of the McKinley Bill.

Among the banqueters were some of Chicago's oldest deaf-mute settlers, who lived here many years before the war, and when the city was a good sized village. The following names may be mentioned; Mr. and Mrs. Ralington, Mr. John L. Gage, Miss M. Buel, Mr. E. N. Bowes, before he got his New England wife, and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cotton.

Among the excellent toasts proposed was this—"The Chicago Deaf-Mute Society," responded to by Mrs. Ralington, who was the organizer and founder of the first society many

years ago, and who was its first president.

Chicago is renowned for her energy and despatch in every walk of life, from the greatest to the least in affairs of a social nature. So our little society met, exchanged greetings with their friends, said "Good bye," and went home before we realized it. It is an event to be long remembered.

The Chicago Deaf-Mute Society has been accused of making itself unpopular, because some of its male members after cheerfully giving promise of aid and co-operation unceremoniously backed out of it. It certainly was unkind to leave this infant organization in the lurch, but there is an invisible influence at work behind all the combined wisdom and councils of men. Most wives and sweethearts prefer to have their husbands and lovers where they can keep an eye on them, rather than they should be where they are apt to get hilarious and sing, "We won't go home till morning."

Societies, like individuals, have a penchant for rivalry and jealousy. It was hoped that all our little Societies would consolidate and this form one grand one, comprising both sexes for better success, and unselfishly by this means seek to consult for the common benefit. But there are two rival organizations each viewing the other through spectacles strongly tinged with the darkening hues of self-esteem.

Such a state of things is going to be a hindrance to the growth and prosperity of each.

It reminds one of warring creeds and politics who care more for their own opinions than the truth, and more for the office and its emoluments than for principle.

But since there must be divisions; there need not be animosity. For in this world most individuals are attracted together to associate not from genuine interior love but more frequently from flattery, favoritism, or a desire to please.

"Blessed be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above."

The Poet is a true seer. How truly he pictures in verse the state of societies in the Heavenly world, where all are arranged according to similarity of affection and mind, each working in harmony for the good of its neighbor.

C. A. C.

WINNIPEG.

"The Pharnorth Deaf-Mute Literary Association." This is the suggestive title that is to designate the new debating society that has been given birth in our midst. A lusty youngster it is too comprising, as it does twenty of the leading mates of the province, both inside and outside of the Institution. It has been the desire of the deaf-mutes, particularly the graduates of the Ontario Institution to form some organization of this kind whereby they might meet for mutual improvement and social enjoyment. It was not until Mr. McDermid came among us that matters took definite shape. It was his intention to organize a society within the Institution to consist only of pupils, but upon learning that the mutes in the city would be glad to join with the others, he issued invitations to all of them to meet at the Institution.

This meeting took place, Saturday evening, the 6th inst., with the result as stated in the first sentence. Mr. J. R. Byrne presided over the deliberations of temporary organization, and after the usual committees had been appointed the following list of officers were named, and upon motion were elected unanimously, President, Prof. D. W. Derrid; Vice-President, Angus A. McIntosh; Secretary, Treasurer, J. R. Byrne; Sergeant-at-Arms, Theo. Wilkie. The Committee upon Constitution and By-Laws will report at the next meeting, and it is altogether likely that it will recommend the adoption with slight modifications, of a constitution and by-laws similar to that of the Hawkeye Association of the Iowa Institution.

The first debate took place, on the evening of the 20th, and interesting entertainment will be provided especially for the onlookers.

The subject—well—I don't know as I'll tell you, fearing that some of your high faluting readers may have a poor impression of our abilities, if they knew that the discussion is to be upon the relative merits of a certain species of the bovine genus and another well known mammal. There

I've gone and told it. Well, I am not ashamed of it. I agree with the President, in the fact that in most deaf-mute debating societies the subjects of debate were frequently beyond their comprehension. He said he had known pupils, who would tell you that Christopher Columbus was the first president of the United States, and at the same time take part in the debates involving principles that the deepest thinkers of the age are endeavoring, hopelessly to cope with the further States that so long as he was president he would object to these difficult problems being discussed. The members of the society must be mutually benefitted, and to do this we could not consistently select subjects that the youngest debaters could not give an aided opinion upon. So do not judge us by our subjects of debates.

PRAIRIE JACK.

Circleville, Ohio.

Your humble scribe, having been absent from his native city for a month, failed to contribute to the JOURNAL in the meantime, but having returned, will resume his penicillings as frequently as things transpire worthy of publishing.

During our absence, we drove over to Williamsport one Sunday afternoon, and took Tug. Ecord out for a drive. Mr. Ecord seemed to enjoy it hugely, and had the usual immense yarns to relate concerning himself and his unerring gun, etc. But Mr. Ecord is a big, broad-shouldered fellow, and it is not safe to criticize, his sayings.

The Kurtzhals brothers, of Lockbourne, are still in the vicinity of New Holland, with their straw balers, haling straw for the immense Portage Straw Board Works, of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Kingry and Lonnie entertained a few mutes to a Thanksgiving dinner at their hospitable residence, near Orient.

So Ed. J. Holycross, for several years a resident of Dayton, O., has skipped out to Dubuque, Ia., where he takes charge of the *Deaf-Mute Critic* as associate editor. We wish him all the success there is in newspaper life, and hope the Iowa edition will not be so unmerciful as to criticize his "make-up," for Ed. is not to be trifled with, either by the weather or anything else, for he wants to be the critic of all he surveys.

The *Chronicle* had it to the effect that Mr. and Mrs. Haman (*nee* Miss Emma Gray) are blessed with twins, born October 25th, the second anniversary of their marriage, so whenever they choose to celebrate their numerous wedding anniversaries, they can remember their good children's birthdays also, thus killing two birds with one stone. Accept the scribe's hearty congratulations, kind friends.

Professor A. G. Bell might as well give up his theory concerning deaf-mute intermarriage, for, in fact, not one mute in a thousand who are inclined to marry a mute, will pay the least attention to his preachings, for they are marrying at a 2:40 gait. For instance, just look over the records in Ohio for the past few years.

Jacob W. Stebelton, formerly of Stoutsville, O., a few miles from this city, is still working for one of the Geer boys, up at Somerford, Madison Co., O., and has been there since early last spring.

ROBIN HOOD.

Ice Cream Festival.

On Tuesday evening, December 16th, a small, though very social and enjoyable, ice cream festival, given by Mrs. Brown and Miss Alice M. Hatch, assisted by several young ladies, took place at St. Ann's Church. Greatly to the disappointment of the merry-makers, Prof. W. G. Jones, the world's greatest deaf-mute humorist, was not present, as was expected. The most interesting feature of the evening was a bubble party, which created much amusement among the guests, and finally resulted in the victories of Miss Sarah Stein, and Messrs. Fitzgerald, Peak, Fosome, T. W. Brown, Underwood and Schenier. They received handsome prizes, and were well-pleased with them. Rev. Dr. Gallaudet then made a little speech about the fair, which will be given by the Sewing Circle at St. Ann's Church, on February 3d, 4th and 5th, and the proceeds of the fair will be devoted to the Gallaudet Home Fund. During the interval, ice cream, cakes and lemonade were served by Miss Hatch and her sister

Stella, and Messrs. Laing and Whalen. The affair was a success throughout, and the projectors are to be congratulated upon their excellent management. The merry party dispersed at about half past ten o'clock. Among those present were Rev. Dr. Gallaudet and wife, Mr. Barnes and wife, Mr. Fitzgerald and wife, Mr. Brown and wife, Mr. Underwood and Miss A. M. Hatch, Mr. Ballin and Miss Stella Hatch, Mr. Fred. Peak and Miss Lizzie Smith, Mr. Eschert and Miss Tillie Herrieh, Mr. Pfeiffer and Miss Lizzie Price, Mr. William Fosome and Miss Maggie Jones, Mr. Charles Bothner and Miss Minnie Blaurock, who was accompanied by a party, consisting of her sister, Laura, Mr. Wilson, Miss Eberle, and Eddie Blaurock, all from New Jersey, Mrs. Haight, Mrs. Roberts, Messrs. T. W. Brown, P. Butterly, Edward Whalen, Soper, Laing, Alexander, and others whose names could not be remembered.

It may not be amiss to say that Miss Lizzie Price acted as judge of the bubble party.

St. Joseph, Mo.

Mrs. Walker and her small children are doing well, and they are living with her brother.

Mr. John Delancey works at the shoe factory in this city, and is doing well. He is talking of going to St. Louis, but if this does not happen he will go to Chicago to see his relatives.

Mr. John Delancey and Miss Emma Wildberger, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schliecher went to the Eden Musee last Saturday night. They had an enjoyable time.

Miss Emma Wildberger, a young and charming lady, is a dressmaker. She is always happy at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson, of this city, went to Iowa last month. They are attending Mrs. Nelson's sister, who is going to be married. They are spending a few months with their family. We hope they will have a good time.

Mrs. Ida Schliecher's baby is well. She is a sweet and pretty little girl. Mrs. Schliecher is always thinking of her baby.

Mr. Perdue came to this city from Kansas. He is going to Savannah, Mo., to visit his relatives. We are glad to see him again.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schliecher had a nice party on Thanksgiving Day, and had a pleasant time with deaf-mutes. They said that they would probably give them a party on Christmas Day.

Miss Ella Reimer, a country lady, is very well. She says her father is very sick. "We are very sorry for her family, but we hope he will recover soon."

Rev. Mr. Mann came to this city, and preached to the deaf-mutes at Christ Church, on the 3d of last November. They were interested in his lecture. They hope he will come back to this city soon.

BAKER BOY.

NEBRASKA.

Since we were the recipient of several "letters of inquiry," relative to the business chances or positions obtainable here, such as shoemaking, carpentry, barber business and farms to rent, etc., from the certain deaf-mutes in the East, we are unable to answer all of them, but gladly give the plain statements through the JOURNAL, which would properly answer their purposes. Although we are quite willing to do some service, looking after the desired trades for them, but fear from past experience, our effort in doing so would be too far from giving perfect satisfaction. For instance, when the situation is found and referred to the person in question, he never sticks to it for any reason, the case is generally a failure. It is equally hard to surmise that the work seekers can stand to it without their having established trades fittingly to be pursued for a living. However, we have replied them in a few words, simply saying that we could not do them any justice in providing the places unless they showed themselves up. So they, to our sorrow, neither came personally nor accomplished what they wished to, for fear of meeting with disappointment.

Therefore, our wholesale advice is that for the deaf-mutes to come right out West to try their luck for themselves, with our assurance that every kind of pursuits in business can be obtained easily.

And let us refer the readers to Mr. Edward Bellamy's "Looking Back-

ward," an interesting and instructive book, which has a power of solving the problem in the business difficulties and, also, the reverses in pursuits of life.

On Thanksgiving morning, Mr. J. M. Chowins, reaching Valparaiso, (twenty miles) with his safety bicycle, gave Mr. and Mrs. Edwards a surprise by his presence to spend the day with them. He didn't return home till Sunday afternoon, by suggestion of the kind-hearted folks to retain his good company. He declared he had a grand time, and enjoyed immensely their courtesy during his stay there.

Last Sunday, the 14th, a young deaf-mute Dane, Mr. John DeVries, from Holland, Neb., spent the day with us visiting the other mutes of the city. In the evening, he returned home in his phaeton, twenty miles away.

Mr. John Fisher, of Benkleman, Neb., is living on his claim, next to that of his parents, of 160 acres, and is about to prove up. He was a pupil at the Indianapolis Institution.

Mr. Asher Tanner, an old deaf-mute farmer, has been living near Weeping Water, Neb., on a rented farm of Mr. George Young. He was one of the first pupils educated at the Columbus Institution many years ago.

In recalling our visit to him and his family, we appreciate the manner in which they made us feel at home, and treated us with good incidents of the life through which they have passed, with hardships and privations, since they left Ohio many years ago.

WRONG PLACE TO LAUGH.

HOW A RUSSIAN NOBLE WAS DEGRADED AND EXILED BY EMPRESS CATHARINE.

The Veritins were nobles of enormous wealth and power. Paul held a high office in court. One night, glittering with jewels and orders, the young Prince, who was one of the handsomest men in Russia, danced in a quadrille opposite the Empress Catharine.

As she passed him in the dance she fancied that his eyes scanned her gross figure with covert amusement. After the quadrille she beckoned to him, and with a smile handed him her tiny ivory tablet, containing seven pages, one for each day in the week. On the first was written:

"The Imperial ball room, St Petersburg."

On the last:

"The mines, Siberia."

He read it; his face grew pale as that of a corpse; he bowed low, kissed her hand and withdrew "taking," says the old chronicle, "his wife, the beautiful Princess of Novgorod, with him," he was heard to say, as he left the ball room: My minutes are numbered; let us not lose one."

Flight or resistance was impossible.

The hold of Catharine on her victim was inexorable as death. Prince Veritins was forced to remain passive in his palace, while each day the power, the wealth and the happiness that life had given him were stripped from him.

First he was degraded from all his offices at court; next his estates were confiscated by the Crown, his friends were forbidden to hold any communication with him: his very name, one of the noblest in Russia, was taken from him, and he was given that of a serf. Then his wife and children were driven out of the palace to herd with beggars.

"The last day," says an old record, "Paul Veritins, in rags and barefooted, bade an eternal farewell to his home, and departed to the icy North. He was seen of men no more.—Chatter.

Be True to Your Friends.

Never forsake a friend. When enemies gather around, when sickness falls on the heart, when the world is dark and cheerless, it is time to try true friendship. The heart that has been touched with true gold, will redouble its efforts when the friend is sad and is in trouble. Adversity tries real friendship. Those who turn from the scene of distress, betray their hypocrisy and prove that interest only moves them. If you have a friend that loves you, who has studied your interest and happiness, be sure to sustain him in adversity. Let him feel that his love was not thrown away.—*Old Homestead.*

On Tuesday night, the 16th inst., a pretty large number of deaf-mutes (about thirty) met Rev. Mr. Turner at a magic-lantern show and a supper at St. Paul's Rectory, New Orleans, La. The silent guests enjoyed the show and supper very much. Mr. Turner started for Texas early in the morning of the 18th.

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Or late, there have appeared at rather regular intervals in the public prints what purport to be authoritative disquisitions on questions relating to the deaf, especially their education, and the cause and results of their intermarriage. Many of these effusions are so full of absurd statements as to stamp them as the outcome either of ignorance or of wilful misrepresentation. Occasionally the authors of such calumnies receive an abrupt awakening, as was witnessed in the spirited manner with which Principal Ely, of Maryland, corrected Mr. W. A. Knapp's gross misstatements. But it sometimes happens that defenders of the deaf go to the extreme of encouraging them in some particular course, which a majority of the deaf themselves do not approve—encouragement which would seem to be the outcome of sentiment rather than of common sense. While it is an undeniable fact that many traders of the deaf do great harm by disseminating wrong impressions, it is a question whether too zealous friends are not equally to blame.

As a general rule, educated deaf-mutes fully comprehend subjects relating to systems of instruction as well as the marital relation. They probably have their opinions as the result of experience, but in considering subjects of this character, they are usually willing to give a fair hearing to all sides. Consequently, they view prejudiced critics with sincere contempt, and yet they will hardly agree even with friends who would pass over deafness as merely a serious inconvenience.

Appropos of education and marriage among deaf-mutes, it is pleasing to see a man and a teacher of national repute come forward with a full and fair statement in regard to these subjects. In our opinion, the remarkable and comprehensive paper by Dr. E. M. Gallaudet, which recently appeared in *Science*, and treated of "The Intermarriage of the Deaf, and their Education," is one of the best statements on those subjects thus far presented. It suggests the thought that all sincere friends of the deaf, and of their best interests, would accomplish a lasting good in their public discussions by keeping to reason and to the truth. There was a time when Dr. Gallaudet was regarded by many deaf-mutes as prejudiced on the marriage question—as opposed to all intermarriage. His latest expression, "I do not think Dr. Bell's views are to be accepted as those which should govern the deaf, in all cases, in their choice of partners for life," indicates that he no longer looks with disfavor on all such marriages, though he still regards the marriage of the deaf with the hearing, on a basis of sincere affection, as far more desirable than the marriage of the deaf to the deaf. Considering at some length the case of a marriage between deaf-mutes, he sounds a note of warning, which should be taken in the kind spirit in which it is presented. His expression of the opinion that, "If such a condition (a tendency to deafness) in the families was disclosed as to render the birth of deaf children probable, a reason for hesitation would surely be recognized which every truly benevolent and unselfish mind would regard as serious."

With this view of the case, we believe that the great majority of deaf-mutes are in accord, for few, if any, who are deaf, desire to have the lives of their offspring hampered by such a formidable impediment as deafness certainly is.

The second part of Dr. Gallaudet's paper is devoted to the education of the deaf, in which the two methods—

pure oral and combined—are contrasted, and several errors in regard to the claims of oral teachers and their charges against the sign language are pointed out and corrected. His reference to the position of Moritz Hill in the use of signs is an argument that will be very difficult to answer, and is preceded by one equally convincing, and which will at once be recognized as the statement of an absolute truth, i. e., "the fact that those who are loudest in traducing the language of signs and in demanding its abolition from schools for the deaf, who assume to discourse learnedly as to its baneful effects, have never even attempted to learn it, and could not hold five minutes' conversation in it to save their lives; and yet their pupils know and use this language, and may insult or ridicule them in it under their very noses with impunity."

Beyond a doubt this latest contribution of Dr. Gallaudet will do much to correct some of the numerous errors in regard to the deaf and their education, which have of late attained popularity and credence. It should be read and studied by every deaf-mute and given the widest publication as a clear and succinct statement of facts, which will enable the public to form a more truthful and reliable opinion of the deaf than now generally prevails.

ITEMIZER.

Abbreviated News Concerning Deaf-Mutes.

The idea is to gather into this column items that relate to deaf-mutes personally, or to institutions for the benefit of deaf-mutes. We hope our friends and readers will keep us supplied with items for this column. Mark items to be sent: The Itemizer.

Miss Gertrude Witschiel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Witschiel, is preparing to enter Vassar College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., next fall.

Last week, on Monday evening, a few of Miss Lizzie Chaffin's friends surprised her at her home in Dorchester, Mass. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Wellington, Misses Thomas, Kelly, Flagg, Bailey, Messrs. Edward Duran, Babbitt, F. Clark, Mrs. Hamilton and Mr. Mehan. All enjoyed a grand time in dancing.

George Fletcher, twenty-two years old, a deaf-mute, who had just graduated from the Flint School, was working in an Ypsilanti sawmill yesterday when he attempted to pass a board across a buzz saw. The board slipped and in trying to grasp it his hand came in contact with the saw, cutting off all the fingers of his left hand.—*Detroit Journal*, Dec. 16.

The following paragraph is copied from the December 6th *Arapahoe Pioneer*:—"The boys who stole the chickens from A. S. Gardner, Northeast of town, a week ago last Saturday night, are all known and the safest and best plan to settle the matter is for the guilty parties to walk up and pay for the damage like men. Mr. Gardner does not wish to cause the boys trouble but he feels that he cannot stand the expense of their occasional 'larks'."

A deaf-mute fortune teller has been "doing" the county for about two weeks past. He struck out in Hancock; but here he came to grief shortly, and was lodged in the "cooler," and the next morning given twenty minutes to get himself out of town, which he did, and left a handsome margin on the time. He wandered on to Walton stopping at various places on the route. His success in Walton was not flattering. He sought fresh pastures in Hamden, where, according to the *Stamford Mirror*, he was arrested for spitting in the people's faces. He is, no doubt, a fraud as far as his deaf-mute business is concerned, and a card sharp and black leg by profession.—*Walton, N. Y., Reporter*.

Miss Amelia Elizabeth Erickson, whose death occurred in Jamestown, N. Y., Monday, December 8th, at half past ten o'clock, recently returned from the Deaf-Mute Institution at Rochester, at which she was a pupil for nine years. She was lovely in character, and her death leaves many sorrowful at heart. The Rev. A. A. Magnuson, of the First Swedish Lutheran Church, conducted the funeral services at the residence of the deceased, 69 Chapin Street, Wednesday afternoon. The many flowers attested the love felt for the young lady; the attendance was very large. The body was interred at Lake View Cemetery, the following acting as bearers: Axel Olofson, Albin Erickson, John and Oscar Peterson. Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Bergquist were the only deaf-mutes at the service, and they are very lonely without their dear friend.

They All Do It.

Distracted woman (at the police station)—Oh, sir, I have lost my poor old father! This morning he wandered away, and I fear for his safety, as he is totally deaf.
Police sergeant—In that case, madam, we will soon find him. He is walking on the railway track.

Capture of a Deaf and Dumb Suspect.

Antony Connor, a deaf and dumb man, age 24 years, of 182 Graed Street, Hoboken, was arrested in Jersey City to-day by Detective Dalton, of Police Headquarters, on suspicion of being a thief. A number of pawn tickets were found in his possession, by means of which it is believed he will be connected with the recent burglaries perpetrated in Hoboken. He is held for examination. N. Y. Daily News.

COLLEGE CHRONICLE.

Just Before the Holidays.

NOTES GATHERED AT RANDOM.

(From our Washington Correspondent.)

The thanks of each and every newspaper correspondent of the college is due to Editor Smith of the *Companion* for the outspoken approval of the stand said correspondents have taken in the matter of giving prominence in their letters to the athletic feature of college life. These writers know what is going on in the college world of the United States, and they know that with the present widespread movement in favor of all kinds of physical culture, colleges are becoming better known to the masses by reason of their achievements in this line than by the results of the last term exams. The thought may not be a pleasant one to contemplate, but it is nevertheless true that the chronicle of a football contest will cause more eyes to be turned toward the colleges, whose teams appear in the field, than the announcement that any particular "ology" has just been introduced into their curricula. This fact, is recognized by the college press everywhere, and any sheet devoted solely to giving the news of the college it represents, invariably has the greater part of its space filled, during their seasons, with accounts of contemporary athletic contests. Knowing all this, it is not a matter of surprise that the correspondents of our college should endeavor to keep the fact constantly before their readers, and the "old boys" especially, that Kendall is abreast of the times in the great athletic movement now sweeping over the country. We have noticed the "covert sneers" referred to by the *Companion*, and have usually set them down to their authors' ignorance of what was going on in the world. The approval of one such representative alumnus as Smith, '83, holds more weight than the disparagements of a score of "M. Docks" or *soldier* editorial writers of like calibre.

When Francis Joseph Brennan, of the class of '95, arose from his study-table, and proclaimed in tragically thrilling signs, "Give me pie or give me death!" few could have doubted his earnestness of purpose. When the truly great of soul once form a determination to act, they are not to be thwarted by a matter of five blocks of brick pavement, and so it was in this case. Before starry-belted Orion had reached the zenith on last Monday night, two luscious apple-pies graced the coldly unappreciative stone of a window sill in Mr. Brennan's room. But, alas and alack! even those of us who "are not as green as we look" will sometimes err, and thus it befell that in absencing himself from the room for a moment, Mr. Brennan incautiously omitted to close and lock the door. He did not regale himself with pie that evening.

Ward, '95, met with a painful accident in the gymnasium Monday afternoon. As in the case of Divine, '94, last year, the horizontal bar was at the bottom of it. In attempting to leap the bar between his hands, the heels of his shoes caught, and he fell headlong to the floor, striking on his head and shoulders in such a manner as to twist and dislocate the right arm at the elbow. The matter was not thought to be serious until the next morning, when the black and swollen condition of the elbow made surgical attention necessary. Ward is now rapidly recovering, and will probably soon be in condition to go at that trick again and master it.

Examinations began Friday morning, and will last till Tuesday. The usual number of examination-time pleasantries are in vogue. A cuff appeared on the bulletin board after the morning's work, purporting to have been found on the second floor. It was covered with German verb inflections, noun declensions and other grammatical "hard nuts" apt to down the unprepared. As the second floor rooms are all occupied by Juniors, and the examination in German taking place Friday morning, the inference intended to be drawn is only too obvious; and altering the place of discovery to the first floor and writing our name in the cuff doesn't help the matter.

The big storm of Wednesday did considerable damage on the Green, uprooting two of the trees and breaking in one of the glass-stained windows of the chapel.

The "Lit" library received the following named books during the week: "Prudence Palfrey," Aldrich; "Samantha among the Brethren," "Josiah Allan's Wife"; "Over the Teacups," Holmes.

G. Chauncey Williams, ex-'91, was a visitor at the Green during the week. He is "touring" as a card-writer, and will remain in the city during the holidays, having obtained a stand at Willard's.

The Press Club held a "seance" with "Revival" Friday night. Cards, chips, cakes and conversation, made the evening a very pleasant one. We admit that even in face of the fact that we were utterly scooped of the second article named, and had to resort to borrowing.

Miss Dewy, of Barton, Vt., is the guest of Miss Luciana Chickering for the holidays.

The Misses Gordon were called to New York, Saturday morning, by a telegram announcing the death of a brother.

Quite a number of the students will visit Philadelphia during vacation. Taylor, '92, goes home to New York. Beadell, '91, will spend the two weeks with Himrod, ex-'91, at Erie, Penn. Baltimore and other surrounding cities will be visited by others.

The vaulting-horse of the gymnasium, after an absence of three weeks during which time it had a new hide put on, was returned to its place Monday.

W. B. NATIONAL COLLEGE, Dec. 22, '90.

FANWOOD.

The following is taken from the *New York Herald* of last Sunday:

PEET—PLYMPTON.
At half-past six o'clock last evening, at the residence of the bride's aunt, Mrs. H. H. Heiberger, Mrs. Plympton, only daughter of the late Shephard Plympton, was married to Walter Browning Peet by the Rev. Dr. Edward L. Clark, of the Church of the Puritans.

The wedding was a very quiet one, none but the immediate relatives being present.

Mr. Walter Browning Peet is the eldest son of our Principal, Dr. Isaac Lewis Peet, and is a teacher at this institution.

The holiday vacation began on the 19th and will terminate on January 5th, 1891. Over half of the pupils have already gone home, and many more will also go before the 25th. Those who remain are few; probably the smallest number that ever remained here during Christmas. As in former years, that old gent, Santa Claus, has promised to visit our pupils again this year. During the holidays both divisions will attend school in the morning from nine to twelve o'clock, and work in the shops from one to four in the afternoon.

Mr. Thomas W. Brown was a visitor on Friday last.

Mr. James A. Prosperi, a supervisor of the boys, paid a flying visit to Philadelphia, Pa., last week to see—ask him. We guess it was an aunt.

Mr. Fort Lewis Selinay and wife, of the Rome, N. Y., Deaf-Mute Institution, were the guests of Prof. and Mrs. Fox for a few days last week.

Morris Marks, one of our pupils, went home on the 19th in order to be present at the wedding of his brother Harris Marks.

Mr. Partington, of North Adams, Mass., called at the Institution last week. He came to New York to meet his wife and children, who are expected from England on a Cunard steamer. He took in the German Christmas party.

"My Turn Next; or, Poisoned," is worth the while for those who can, to come and see. New features will be introduced. The half of the proceeds will go to the Peet Memorial Fund. The Proteans hope to realize quite a neat sum. They have been working very hard, and we hope that on Saturday evening, January 3d, 1891, they will have a full house. Those who have not yet secured reserved seats, can do so now by writing to Treasurer Turner, as he still has a few of the best.

A. QUAD.

PLAIN TALK.

EDITOR JOURNAL.—In reply to Mr. Sawyer's reflection on me, in which he tries to shift Mr. Frisbee from the responsibility of bringing the disgrace on Old Boston as well as New England, by the said meeting in that city, truly I do not want to conceal facts concerning the deaf from the public. The president of the N. E. G. A. ought to have protected the deaf from such misrepresentation. The fifteen per cent. of deaf children is a gross misrepresentation. Every reader of the *JOURNAL* knew that the original object of the infamous meeting was against Dr. Bell's theory, but unexpectedly to them, the tables were turned on them, and their statistics proved more than Dr. Bell claimed and were a valuable assistance to him. Will Mr. Frisbee admit the blunder? Mr. Sawyer need not reply for him. Queer, several ex-students of the National Deaf-Mute College were present at the Boston meeting, and evidently they then did not know Dr. Bell's statistics. They forgot the old saying "Look before you leap."

K. W. CHASE.

A Deaf-Mute Killed.

William P. McDonald, an engineer of the Texas and Pacific Railroad, was arrested last evening in McDonoughville and locked up in the Algerie Station, charged with running over and killing Louis Schexnayder, a farm hand, at St. John Baptist parish. The arrest was made upon a telephone message sent last evening from Edgar, by Sheriff Weber.

McDonald stated that Schexnayder, who was about nineteen or twenty years of age and deaf and dumb, was walking along the railroad track. He blew the danger signal, but Schexnayder remained on the track. Having but one coach to his train he was unable to stop it and Schexnayder was run over and killed. He immediately backed his train and sent for the coroner, and after waiting for about twenty minutes, proceeded to New Orleans.

A telephone message was received from Edgar Station last night, stating that the young man was the son of Octave Schexnayder, United States deputy collector of revenue, of St. John parish. It was also stated that the engineer did not blow his whistle until he was within fifteen feet of Schexnayder and then the warning came too late.—*New Orleans Times Democrat*, Dec. 16.

Died.

LEWIS.—In Preston, December 7th 1890, Pemella C., wife of Ira W. Lewis, aged seventy-four years. The deceased's maiden name was Pemella C. Reon, and graduated many years ago from the old Fiftieth Street Institution.

The Mission to the Adult Deaf of Ireland.

ANNUAL SALE OF WORK.

(Belfast News-Letter, Nov. 21.)

The annual of work on behalf of the Missions to the Adult Deaf of Ireland and the Belfast Mission Hall for the Deaf took place in the Young Men's Christian Association Hall, Wellington Place, yesterday, and was attended with a gratifying measure of success which one would be led to expect considering the deserving character of the objects of the undertaking. No society is more worthy of the support of the Christian public than that which has the centre of its operations in Fisherwick Place, as it was formed specially for the purpose of assisting an afflicted section of the community to earn their own livelihood and not be a burden upon the rates, and of affording them an opportunity for improving their spiritual and moral condition. The hall, which was nicely decorated for the occasion, presented a very pretty appearance. The sale was opened shortly after twelve o'clock by the Mayor (Mr. C. C. Connor), when there were present:—The Archdeacon of Connor, Revs. W. H. Davis, James Robertson, S. B. Stevenson, W. E. Harris, J. Beattie, F. Maginn, missionary; Miss Treddenick, and Miss M. Hobson.

Rev. W. H. Davis having announced letters of apology from Revs. Dr. Riddall, William Park (Moderator of the General Assembly), and S. D. Burnside, observed that they were all aware of the object of the sale of work. A little time ago they had had a meeting in Clarence Place, at which the claims of the Mission to the Adult Deaf and Dumb of Ireland were put very prominently before the Christian public of Belfast, and they all knew the laudable character of the work in which that society was engaged, and how successfully it was being carried out. The object it had in view was to benefit both spiritually and morally the deaf and dumb of their community in Belfast. (Hear, hear.) They therefore appealed to all who were present on that occasion to help forward this work in every way they possibly could, and to give their assistance in the present effort so that the mission hall, and the mission itself might be adequately supported in their midst. In calling upon the Mayor to open the bazaar, he remarked that they were all cognizant of how self-sacrificingly he had tendered his assistance to the promotion of all good objects. (Applause.)

The Mayor, who was cordially received, said it was very important, indeed, that aid should be given in a large city like Belfast to the education and advancement of the adult deaf and dumb. (Hear, hear) He might take the opportunity of pointing out what was, no doubt, obvious to most people, that the deaf and dumb were members of the community who were labouring under a certain disability which prevented them—that was to say, if they were not educated—from entering into the pursuits of life the same as other people; but happily modern science and improvement had devised means of reaching most of those afflicted in the way he had mentioned. The institution on behalf of which that sale of work was to take place was intended to convey this class of education—primarily of course, with a view to educate, but ultimately with the object of communicating a proper amount of religious instruction to the mutes.

It was a very happy and encouraging circumstance that the minds of these afflicted people could be reached; but having been influenced, it was most desirable that the education of the deaf and dumb should be maintained by such intercourse as that institution was able to afford. (Hear, hear) Such an object as that which that sale of work was being opened to assist appealed to the public, and he trusted and believed it would receive the support it deserved. He had great pleasure in declaring the sale of work open. (Applause.)

The Archdeacon of Connor, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Mayor, said that it did not require the adoption of any formal motion to express their hearty gratitude to him for so kindly coming there that day and discharging that interesting function. (Hear, hear) He was sure the Mayor considered the duty he had just fulfilled one of the bright and happy spots which occurred during his official career, and he had no doubt they would all be greatly rejoiced to know that he intended occupying the position of Chief Magistrate for another year. (Hear, hear) They had almost two years experience of him, and no person, he felt sure, would deny that he had discharged the duties connected with the high office with credit to himself and honour to the whole community. (Hear, hear) The Mayor had informed them that the adult deaf and dumb of Belfast were like foreigners in a strange city. No one hitherto could care for them, and they were allowed to sink into destitution, and to lose the advantages they had gained by education they had received in their youth. Now in the good providence of God, Miss Treddenick and her sister had been enabled to do a great deal towards the improvement of the temporal condition of this class of the community, not neglecting, at the same time, their spiritual welfare, and they owed very much to her that they had such an excellent institution carrying on its work in Fisherwick Place, where the mutes could meet for mutual intercourse and benefit. (Hear, hear) In this way they had

an opportunity of looking after these foreigners, as he had described them, putting them in a position of usefulness, of helping to support themselves, and affording them an opportunity of learning the blessed truths of revelation; of all that was necessary for a useful and happy life. (Hear, hear) He hoped the Christian public, by the support they would give to that undertaking, would enable their friends to carry on their blessed work during the succeeding year with more success than in the past. (Hear, hear.)

Rev. Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion, which was supported by Rev. Mr. Robertson, who asked those present to bear in mind that when they were supporting that society they were assisting in work that was sacred and looked upon with special favour by the Great Father they all sought to love. He had much pleasure in supporting that resolution of well-deserved thanks to the mayor. (Hear, hear.)

Rev. Mr. Davis having conveyed the vote, the Mayor, in acknowledgment, said that it had given him great pleasure to be present. (Hear, hear.)

Rev. Mr. Robertson remarked that while they wished the sale to be a success they hoped there would be no raffling at it. (Hear, hear.)

The sale was then proceeded with. The stalls, which contained an abundance of articles of a useful and ornamental character, and were arranged with much skill and taste, were presided over by the following ladies: Mrs. Purdon, assisted by Miss Godfrey; Mrs. Kane, assisted by Miss Kane; Mrs. Harris, assisted by Mrs. Jaffares and the Misses M'Vicker; Miss A. Hobson, assisted by the Misses Banks; Miss Treddenick, assisted by the Misses Fausset and Miss Mockeler. Deaf and dumb stall—Mrs. Verner and Miss L. M'Vicker. Post office—Miss Tippetts. Refreshment table—Mrs. Craig, Bank of Ireland, assisted by Mrs. Burnside, Mrs. Whelan, and Mrs. Walton Browne. Undoubtedly the most attractive stall in the bazaar was that set apart for the sale of floral tributes, which was in charge of Mrs. Richard Purdon, assisted by Mrs. Wills, Mrs. Stewart Woodhouse, Miss Maud Charley, and Miss Ballentine, and contained a choice collection of beautiful flowers, and rapidly obtained purchasers. The magnificent display of chrysanthemums, which were exhibited by Mr. Robertson, Netherleigh, Strandtown, at the Ulster Horticultural Society's Show, and forwarded to Mrs. R. Purdon for the bazaar, were deservedly the subject of much admiration. At one of the stalls an excellent portrait, in crayon, of the mayor, the work of Mr. S. C. Taylor, of the Government School of Art, was on view, and merited all the attention it received.

During the evening musical selections were rendered by the Misses Alcorn, Miss Barry, Miss M'Donnell, Mr. Curran, Mr. Devers, and Mr. Jinks, while recitations were given by Messrs. Harvey, Verner, Young and Ross, deaf-mutes.

Peterboro, N. H.

On Monday evening last, we were quite surprised, on entering the new reading rooms, to learn the following startling news:

"Two young fellows, professing to be deaf-mutes, requested lodging at the Woburn Central Police Station, Saturday, where they were searched, and a complete burglar's outfit was found. The tools, which included hammers, cold chisels and wedges, were all of the finest temper and finish. The men, who are each about twenty years of age, write their names as J. J. Sullivan and C. C. Orne, of Rouse's Point, N. Y. Each carried diaries containing entries showing that they had "worked" the southern and middle states."

On the 26th of November, in company with four other deaf-mutes, we attended the Boston Masquerade and Levee, and had a splendid time. Mr. Daniel Cantlin won the clock in the potato race. Mr. Conlin, of New York, was also in the race.

After the deaf-mute levee at Boston, Charles A. Wilson, of Boston, went to Hartford en route to Bridgeport, Conn., where he stayed one week with his brother Harry's folks, and had the pleasure of meeting several deaf-mutes at Mr. Beers' home. He returned on December 5th, and said he had a splendid time.

Last month Daniel Cantlin received a letter from his deaf-mute sister, who is attending the Hartford School and who will graduate next June.

SKIVER.

Home Comforts.

Returning home at close of day,
Who gently chides my long delay,
And by my side delays to stay,
My helpmeet.

Who sits for me my easy chair,
Prepares the room with neatest care,
And lays my slippers ready there,
My helpmeet.

Who regulates the evening fire,
And bids the blazing fuels higher,
And bids me draw my chair still nigher,
My helpmeet.

While in my chair I rock with ease,
Who tries with finger talk to please,
My weary looks delay to tease,
My helpmeet.

When sickness comes to rack my frame,
And grief disturbs my troubled brain,
Who sympathizes with my pain,
My helpmeet.

J. E. MACK.

NOTICE.

The Guild of Silent Workers meets Tuesday, December 30, at 8 o'clock, in the Guild room of St. Ann's Church. Strangers and outsiders are equally welcome to all meetings.

S. P. CORNELIUS, Sec'y.

School for Defective Youth Nearing Completion.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 26.—The special election held yesterday for the purpose of submitting to the voters of Vancouver the questions of reorganization under the general law of the State of Washington and of the issuing of \$55,000 bonds of municipal purposes, passed off very quietly an exceedingly light vote being cast. Both propositions were carried, but twenty-eight votes being against them.

The result of the election will necessitate the election of a new city council, the members of which will have the responsibility of judiciously disbursing the moneys to be raised by the bonds in question.

The appropriation of \$40,000, made by the last legislature for the erection of additional buildings at the State School for Defective Youth, is being well applied. The building containing assembly room, refectory, kitchen, bakery, storerooms, etc., has been inclosed, and the laundry and the boiler room will be completed and ready before the close of the year. A steam-heating plant has been placed in position and the premises will be lighted by incandescent light furnished by the 300-light dynamo owned and operated by the school.

As stated by the trustees in their last report to the governor, a stable, outhouses, sheds, fences, etc., are needed and the proper laying out of the grounds is advisable. They also recommended the erection of a plain brick building on the special accommodation of the feeble-minded, who, for obvious reasons, should be treated separately from the often highly-intelligent deaf and dumb inmates, who feel it as a degradation to be classed together with them.

The building is still in the hands of the contractor, carpenters, painters and plasterers being engaged on the interior.

Our representatives of Clarke County, Senator Clough and Messrs. Shaw and Yeomans, will doubtless see that at the next session of the State legislature the interests of this important State Institution and of the defective children of the State are neglected.—*The Oregonian*.

The Albany Society of Deaf-Mutes.

The first regular meeting of the Albany Society of Deaf-Mutes, which took place at the Parish House of St. Paul's Church on Jay Street, was opened on the 20th of November, by our new President. A committee of three was chosen to look after the interests of the society in general, and they are Messrs. Kendrick, Carman and Mull. The Committee on Lectures and Debates are Messrs. Kendrick and Sparrow, and Miss Warren; and the Committee on Finance are Messrs. Mull and Carman, and Miss Warren. Mr. Carman was appointed reader and Mr. Mull critic.

Mr. Mull then read the constitution and by-laws of the society, and a very few objections were made. The society holds its meetings at the Sunday School rooms of St. Paul's Church, every Thursday evening at half past seven o'clock—from the first Thursday in October to the first Thursday in April—and at eight o'clock from April to October.

The society extends its hospitality to every mute living in Albany or in the suburbs. They will but have to contribute ten cents to the treasury at every regular meeting. Those who wish to have their names enrolled will please send word to the President. The object of the recently reorganized society is to promote the moral and intellectual welfare of the deaf.

SECRETARY.

Toronto News.

Near Quebec, a farmer and his wife who can hear and speak have seven deaf-mute daughters. Can Prof. Bell say the parents are deaf-mutes?

We are glad that a deaf-mute choir will be started in Toronto, which will recite sacred songs in signs. "Jesus, lover of my soul," etc., was recited by Mr. Fraser last Sunday before the sermon.

The Toronto deaf-mutes can converse with the two-hand alphabet, which is so useful for all the Scotch and English deaf-mutes that are in Toronto, and the divine services are generally given in the English system.

A deaf-mute shot a large owl in the woods the other Saturday. There are two crack shots here from Manitoba.

Mr. Wilson's mechanical cow is a wonder to all. Who can beat him?

Will the Toronto deaf-mutes subscribe towards supplying our deaf old friend, Mr. Rhodes, with a good artificial leg for a Christmas box. He is a good and jolly fellow, and is a good friend to all, and never quarrels with any one and always takes a part in all our debates.

The next debate is on *Hand versus Machinery* work, between Mr. H. Mason and Mr. Terrill.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have our best thanks for the nice wedding supper they so graciously gave to the deaf-mutes of Toronto, numbering over fifty couples.

Please shake hands as Christmas is coming, and all old quarrels must be thrown into the fire before the New Year comes, and charity must be shown to friends and enemies both alike, and then Heaven will bless all.

Faithfully yours,
F. G. JEFFERSON.

NEW YORK.

Santa Claus Ahead of Time.

DOING THEMSELVES PROUD.

Worth Mentioning.

(From our New York Correspondent.)

It was a Christmas Festival that savored everything but the white snow. That merry old soul, who makes an annual tour over the roof tops in his well-filled sleigh, came four, or possible five, days earlier than usual. This mattered little, as 'tis better to be timely than behind hand. His cheeks were as rosy as the rosiest rose. Health, good cheer, and merry twinkle beamed on his countenance. He was the picture of comfort, as wrapped in a big coat of red, trimmed with snowy swan's down, he hollered "whoa!" and his six or sixteen pair of deer came to a halt, wondering what the result of this early visit.

His merry "whoa!" echoed from the Battery to far beyond the Harlem of Manhattan Island. It was heard way up on the hill at Washington Heights. It took on eastward and westward path, and struck its resounding notes far into the City of Churches, and far, far away into wilds of Jersey. Having exhausted its force, that echo resounded back against starting place, and in its wake followed one, two, three, four, and double and treble and quadruple that number of babies, girls and boys, and men and women.

We stop at the entrance of this starting place. Unlike the originator of the echo, known the world over as Santa Claus, we go through the regular entrance instead of down the chimney, and there greets our ears—no—there strikes our eyes, a picture that is confusion pure and simple at first sight, but on further inspection resolves into the fact there are very near unto two hundred and fifty people saying smart things, making new acquaintances, laughing, chatting, and doing other things that to a stranger would be as Greek to a primary school lad, but to a deaf-mute is a matter of easy solution.

It is a merry, and beyond a doubt, a noisy gathering. The noise is unexplainable, for it is heard not, but the merrymaking is apparent, as are little looking gentlemen, with a Teutonic cast of countenance, groomed to a nicety, and wearing tasteful, little badges of white red and satin, greets you with "A merry Christmas." They are the German deaf-mute residents of New York, who have come together, and for the second time are adding fame to their organization—the German Charity Society—on the occasional of their second annual Christmas festival.

At a table ranged alongside one side of the room, presides two patronesses of the society, Mrs. Jacques Loew and Mrs. Gustav Fersenheim, and nearby to lend them assistance stands each one's spouse. They are having their hands full in passing to dozens upon dozens of little hands belonging to as many little boys and girls, who ranged in age from six to ten years, a varied assortment of warm underwear, comfortable wraps, hoods, gloves and dolls that are big and little, scrap-books that are red, blue and gold and green, and horns, and such other articles as are meant for little boys and girls.

Very soon after the demolition of this table, from a room at the other side of the hall, issues the chap who has been dreamed of and pictured as coming down the chimney. It's him, as far as his attire is concerned. He wore the identical red and white coat and turban, but the snowy beard and the ruddy look was wanting. He was Mr. Victor Brown.

A big bag, well on to bursting, is slung over his shoulder, and a basket that had seen service on many a weary wash day, he hugged under his arm. The little ones swarmed about him like chickens about a basket of corn, and his bag was emptied inside of three minutes and he emptied followed suit before you could put down a hundred in figures. The bag and basket contained other bags made of paper, that were full of cake of German origin, nuts, candies, oranges and apples. The recipients were happy, and wished such a treat came every day.

Preceding this part of the fun, a professor of magic and sleight of hand performer from Hoboken, stirred up the wondering powers of all present for half an hour at least.

Following the untiring Chairman of Arrangements, with his mutton chop whiskers, trimmed to perfection, and his mousethale pointing East and West in a way that would make a Frenchman green with envy all the rest of his life, mounted a platform, and with apologizing for the interruption, expounded on his pleasure at meeting such a large gathering. He gave way to the soldierly looking President of the Society, S. Werner, who made a speech that was full of good cheer, kind words and everything else pertaining to the Christmas tide. Ye Editor, Mr. E. A. Hodgson, was then invited to express his sentiments. It would have been out of place to have declined. He commended the society and its members

on the good work they had done and were doing. Like Mr. Depew, he could be German when the occasion required. His appetite had often been appeased by the luscious frankfurter, the appetizing lebkuchen, and the aromatic Sweetzerkase, and such other dainties as never taste better than when coming from Teutonic quarters. Each of the speakers received around of hand-clapping.

The chairman then explained the duty assigned a Christmas tree, resplendent in trimming that stood to one side of the platform. All about it were strung strips of colored folded paper. Each strip was worked with a number. Each number corresponded to one of a large collection of other slips he held in his hand. Each of these slips retailed at ten cents each, and the holder of a lucky number was entitled to one of a collection of useful, handsome and not inexpensive articles that were displayed on a table nearby. These comprised vari-colored plush photograph albums, of different designs, a box containing a nut-cracker and a set of nut picks, thermometers mounted on gilded keys, nickel-plated call-bells of unique designs, plush covered pocket looking-glasses, a wine set of blue glasses, on a glass of imitation-bronze, a smoker's set, with mounted imitative bronze horse, red plush lorgnette pouches, other small pocket looking glasses, scrap books, two boxes of cigars, imported cigar holders, a silk umbrella, bottles of cologne in fancy boxes, and various other articles. The bidding for each occupied a large share of attention, and was in some instances spirited. The lucky ones were happy, but as to the unlucky ones, there were in some cases a big hole in their pockets.

The hours sped on, and the bidding and the chatting, love-making and the romping of the little ones sped with them. Mouths that opened in expressive yawns told the result of all this good time. The hall was unequal to the crowd it contained. A ball by a New York singing society was in progress overhead in the Beethoven Manerchor Hall. The Society had been late in securing their date, hence the change to the room below. It is doubtful if any complaint resulted on this score.

Below stairs jolly Teutons quaffed lager with their American friends, their Irish-American friends, and their friends of other nationalities. The sturdy frame of H. Simon represented Africa, and no one made exception to his presence. One particular feature proved noteworthy. Of the 250 or more present, less than fifty could speak and hear, and some of these were residents of the building.

All enjoyed a good time, and the society received flattering praise, and deserves it. Dr. Gallaudet's kindly greetings were appreciated on every side, and the deaf-mutes' Christmas festival ended at the hour that ended the 20th and brought all nearer to the day it was intended to celebrate.

The picture of Charley Haar, behind a table over which the guests handed their tickets or the price of same, was an amusing one. Treasurer Haar, who is a big man both ways, wore his usually jolly and innocent expression. That table was out of place. His breadth from side to side called for a table two feet longer, but he heeded not this. He sat there like an Alderman in the council chamber before his desk. A knowing wink from his right eye told he was satisfied.

No one there was happier than little Charley Haar, and he knew it. It was good to see the vigor Chairman Korngold and his assistants, Messrs. Eschert, Secretary Schoenfeld, M. Seelig and S. Nibler, put into their endeavors to have all feel at home. Mr. Korngold was in his shirt sleeves, and his duties were tiresome, but the result repaid all efforts.

The absence of ex-President Geo. Lindemann was not overlooked. He was also on the Arrangement Committee. His conduct of the first festival held last year is still remembered. He arranged the tables during the afternoon, but illness necessitated his remaining at home during the evening. The excitement of the occasion would have proved too much for his poor health.

To Mr. Jacques Loew, the donating of many of the handsome prizes won is credited. Although not a member of the society, he takes an active interest in its welfare, and on this occasion was as active in pleasing the children as any member present.

The receipts are given as likely to reach less than one hundred dollars, but for all that the members seem satisfied. We understand the expenses were materially lessened by numerous donations, though who the donors happen to be, excepting Mr. Loew, could not be discovered.

Among the present we tried to be complete, and here they are:

Mr. and Mrs. H. Elliott, Victor Brown, late of Vienna, a German mute, who talks and acts like a New Yorker, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Niebel, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Killenbann and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ling, Mr. and Mrs. Metzner, John Noeber, Mr. Charles Underwood, Mr. Frank Thompson, Mr. Joseph Boam, Emil Trognah, the Fanwood Social Club in full, each member wearing a badge of distinction, and assuming a gait that would do credit to an old salt trying to keep his pins on board ship in a heavy sea, the President of the Manhattan Literary Association, and the Union League, and representatives of the Adelphi Union, the Fanwood Literary Association; Mr. Peter Buterly, Mr. Bruhle, Mr. Ira W. Tyler, Louis Hannemann, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Ekardt and two sons looking prosperous and hearty; Mr. and Mrs.

Wm. Frey and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Minihan and daughter, Mr. Robert Patterson of Brooklyn; Misses Sturmwald and Lungwitz, of Brooklyn; "Clown" Donohue and his side pard Jimmy Lonergan, Tom Brown in immaculate shirt front, and a 14karat solitaire on the little finger of his right hand; Mr. Sam Frankenheim, Mr. Tom Harrihill, Mr. George Walsh, Mr. Max Levy, the Misses Mary Stapleton, Mary Tyner, and Kate Walsh, Mr. Frank Hayden, James O'Hearn, and one or two other crack ball-players, Mr. Fred Meinken, who did not run at the indoor games owing to an oversight on part of secretary of the soldier athletes, the "Poet" LeClereq, Mr. Anthony Capelli, Mr. Tilson W. Haight, Mr. Sol. Cornelius, Misses Rachel Jacobs and Rachel McLlvaime and Maggie Kelly, Mr. Adolph Renger and the young lady he will soon lead to the altar, Miss Annie Bubenheim, Mr. H. Hanneman, and the captivating Miss Esther Solomon, Mr. Peter Mitchell and Miss Kate Baldwin, Miss Sarah Stein, Mr. Wm. A. Dennis, who had much to say of the fact he had been a Kendall Green student; Mr. Henry Greer and his little son, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Roberts, formerly of England, and their two bright little children, Mr. Robert Harth and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kircher, Miss Grace Denver, Mr. Frank Roberts with Mr. and Mrs. Heyman, Mr. Charles Schindler, of Brooklyn, and Mr. E. Souweine and wife, of Brooklyn; as also Mr. Rudolph Hanric, a noble Teuton of the City of Churches, reminding one of our old-time friend, Ed. McConville; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Konzelman, Mr. and Mrs. Kearth, Lew. Morris and Max Kohler, the former of whom intends to win the prize in the Apollo Club's coming pool tournament; Mr. Henry Koepfeler, a mild-mannered German, Professors T. F. Fox and Wm. G. Jones, of the New York Institution; Mr. and Mrs. Motzner and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Mayer Reich and daughter, Helene, Mr. P. A. Campbell, who introduced Mr. Timothy McCarthy, a former Philadelphia representative, but at present a Brooklyn resident, and an intelligent one at that, Mr. J. Lowenstein and his estimable better half, and nephew Louis Lowenstein, who talked shop with cigar dealer Emil Basch; Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Mandel, Wm. O. Fitzgerald, hale and talkative despite his recent sickness; our representative in the Navy Yard, who played with Secretary Tracy when a boy, Franklin Campbell, wife and sons, Mr. Walter McDougal, of New Jersey Artist Ballin and his father, the latter happy and the former ready for a chestnut or anything else productive of a laugh; Miss Prudence Lewis, of the New York Institution; and Miss Alice M. Hatch, of tableaux fame; Mrs. Schoenfeld and children, and children of other members of the society, and don't you think you have about all of them.

The lecture before the Manhattan Literary Association did not result as profitably in regard to attendance as was expected or should have been the rule. A miserable total of four hundred and one was present. Prof. Jones consumed an hour or so in the reading of an excellent and entertaining dramatic story, that will soon be played by Booth and Barrett. At the ice cream festival on Sunday there was some rare sport, a large attendance, and a corner in spoons, cream, cake and lemonade. Messrs. Fomire, Underwood, Sam. Brown, Peak and a few others, distinguished themselves in a soap bubble contest. Dr. Gallaudet announced February 3d, 4th, 5th and 6th, as the days of the fair, and the Guild room as the accommodations. More on the whole thing later on.

Alex. Foldfogle, who is a graduate of the High Class of the New York Institution, and noted as an exceedingly clever young man, and a graceful sign-maker, will entertain the Adelphi Literary Union and their friends with a lecture, entitled "Wonders and Curiosities of the World," on this Saturday evening, December 27th. Same rules, etc., prevail as previously recorded. All are welcome.

Mr. Foldfogle met with an incident he has reason to feel proud of on last Tuesday. We clip it from the *Daily News*:

During the busy hours and rush of traffic yesterday on Park Row a bold thief snatched a pocket-book from a finely dressed old lady and ran up the street, pursued by a crowd crying "stop thief."

Alexander Goldfogle, a deaf-mute and a walking in the opposite direction, and notwithstanding the fact that he could not hear the shouts of the crowd, he took in the situation at a glance, and when the thief came up to him, the deaf-mute dealt him a blow between the eyes knocking him down. Young Goldfogle then jumped upon him, took the pocket-book out of his hand, and then with a farewell kick, let him go.

The old lady came up all out of breath and received her property. The deaf-mute declined a proffered reward and went his way.

A Merry Christmas. New Year's later. MONTAGUE TIGG.

Intention All Right—A Little Correction Necessary.

J. J. Sheehy, Hasbrouck street, has two fine oil paintings in the window of Greenzack's drug store, and a portrait of Chief Engineer Cunningham in the window of Beggs & Moore. Mr. Sheehy is a graduate of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum of New York. That he is an artist of merit his paintings are evidence and that he deserves encouragement no one will deny.—*Sunday Telegram*, November 16th.

Mr. Sheehy is deaf, but not a mute. He is an expert lip reader and can articulate, being taught at Mr. Greenberger's school, Lexington avenue, New York, and it is not an asylum but an institute. The commendation of his work as above given is correct.—*New York Press*.

COLUMBUS.

Weeding Out.

A DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

Brevities.

(From our Columbus Correspondent.)

The weeding out process is still going on. Another pupil being sent home, the first of the week, for violating the rules. The matter becoming known to a reporter of one of the city papers, he came down and made an investigation. His report is appended, from which it can be seen that the discharges were made at the right time, and in a spirit entirely fair.

Three pupils at the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, one of whom is from Cincinnati, have been dismissed under circumstances of a decided sensational nature. They are John Woods of Cincinnati, William E. Martin of Cincinnati, Brown County, and John Linderman, of Buena Vista, Scioto County. Superintendent Knott, of the Institution states that the three pupils, who are aged respectively 19 and 20, were found to be responsible for the disappearance of certain articles of wearing apparel. They were in the habit of stealing the clothes of other pupils and pawning them for small sums of money. They had been suspected of various thefts for some time, and the superintendent instituted a close watch of their movements.

He traced the disappearance of an overcoat from the asylum, which was found in a pawnshop directly to the Cincinnati and the Columbus youths. They were confronted with the charge and confessed their guilt. Woods made a clean breast of a number of thefts, and said he had been engaged in taking articles from the Institution and pawning them for nearly six years. He implicated others in his robberies, some of whom are not now inmates. Superintendent Knott knows nothing as to the truth of the boy's statement concerning the length of time he had been stealing, but he is determined to enforce suitable discipline, and both have been sent to their homes. They have been at the Institution about seven years. Linderman, the Scioto County boy, who was also sent home to-day, would have completed his tenth year, and graduated in June next. The fact that he was deaf and dumb did not prevent him from leading a fast life.

He was to be found a frequenter of saloons, pool-rooms and questionable resorts and drank to excess. Last night he was punished for his indiscretion, and admonished that he must not return to the school. He was called into the Superintendent's office this morning and urged to refrain, but flatly told Mr. Knott that the habit of pool playing had become so fixed on him that he could not promise to discard it. He was consequently dismissed for the good of the other inmates.

The trustees held their meeting for the month on Tuesday and Wednesday. Among other things, the Board commended the management of the Institution for the economy exhibited during the past month, the expenses being \$800 less than any of the preceding months in the history of the Institution. A contract for supplying the Institution with 2000 tons of coal for the next year was made at \$2.10 per ton. The Board removed Maurice Strouh, an employee, for refusing to obey orders of his superior officers, and appointed a Mr. Young to look after the plumbing of the Institution.

There was a distinguished visitor at the Institution, Wednesday forenoon, unknown for some time to the higher officers, and her presence would have entirely escaped notice, had she not made it known herself in talking to one of the pupils. It was Mrs. Governor Campbell, accompanied by several lady friends. In going the rounds of the classes, she happened in on one, to ask a pupil, "Who is Governor of Ohio?" The answer came, "James E. Campbell." Being next asked if he would like to see the Governor. "Yes," was the reply given. He was given to understand that the Governor should come some day, and witness the interesting work of the school. The pupil was then told that the lady addressing him was the Governor's wife. As Mrs. Campbell was unknown to the latter, the latter was, of course, greatly surprised at so distinguished a visitor in her class. The ladies were highly pleased and interested in all they saw of the work in the Institution.

There was joy in the household of Mr. and Mrs. John Lynn over the arrival of a boy baby on Tuesday. On Thursday, the joy was turned into mourning, the little stranger passing to realms above. The sympathy of their friends is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Lynn in their severe loss.

Miss Cassie Smith, one of the teachers, received a telegram, Friday morning, announcing the serious illness of her aged mother at Warren, O. She left on the first train for home. About noon, another dispatch arrived, stating that her mother had died.

Instead of assembling in the chapel, Sunday evening, for a story entertainment, the boys were given one in their study-room by Mr. Greener, and the girls in theirs by Mr. McGregor, who recited "The Angels of Death."

The golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. S. Butler was celebrated Tuesday afternoon and evening. Mr. Butler was a trustee of the Institution from 1860-1865, in the latter part of Rev. Collins Stone's superintendency. Mrs. Rose, our present matron, was among the guests to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Butler on the happy occasion.

Mrs. Knott and child have gone to Tiffin, to spend the Christmas holidays.

Miss Annie Rodman, after a siege of illness lasting over two weeks, is again at her post in the State building.

ST. LOUIS.

We are enjoying very pleasant but cold weather now. The first snow of the season began to fall on the morning of the 7th. It continued to fall all day and by night, there was about eight inches of the "beautiful" on the ground.

Season tickets for the Club's lecture course are out. To members of the Club, tickets are \$1.00, non-members' tickets, \$2.00, ladies' tickets, \$1.00.

Every deaf person should have one, and thus aid the committee to secure as many lecturers as possible from a distance.

The Committee have appointed Messrs. A. Merrell and L. Froning, Misses Mattie Campbell, Annie McCamley, and Annie Roper, to assist them in getting up a series of entertainments to raise money for the lecture fund. The first one will be given some time in January.

Henry W. Longfellow's celebrated poem "Evangeline," was read by Miss A. Roper to an unusually large audience on the 6th.

Mr. Henry Gross, of Fulton, has kindly consented to come down and lecture on the 27th.

Mr. D. W. George, of Jacksonville, will most probably follow on the 31st of January, 1891.

The Committee have also promised of something from Dr. E. M. Gallaudet, Mr. Chas. Kerney and Mr. P. Hasenstab.

The entertainment to be given by the members of Rev. Mr. Read's Church, on the 10th, in honor of the one hundred and third anniversary of the birth of Rev. Thomas H. Gallaudet, also for the benefit of the church, came off as advertised.

The programme consisted of a "fish-pond," guessing contest, and oyster supper. The latter, as it always is, was partaken of by all present.

Mr. Geo. Hunter won the prize, a fine purse, for guessing the nearest number of grains of corn in a bottle. The "fish pond" contained various useful articles, and was well patronized. Taken all in all the affair seems to have been a success, although the attendance was not as large as was expected.

We are glad to state that Miss Gussie Pastow is able to be among us once more, after a long illness.

The youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stockick has been quite sick, but at present date has almost recovered.

Mr. J. T. Bowe has gone to Memphis, Tenn., to look for work. He is the only one besides Mr. Stockick that has been out of work for a long time.

Mr. Marcus W. Kerr, the well-known artist, is very busy this season. He does all the enlarging of portraits and painting of the same from life for Genell's Photograph Gallery. One of his latest works, which we expect to see on exhibition soon, is the head of "Harry," Mr. Campbell's fine English water-spaniel.

S. BLAND.

Easton Society—Obituary.

The society is dead; the same hand that gave to the world the joyful tidings of its birth now mournfully chronicles its death. Its life was short, compared with some of its contemporaries, and long when others of its predecessors in our world are tearfully recalled. Lacking two months of being three years old, its short career was cut off by an unusually large "swelled head," a disease that has created sad havoc in like organizations from time immemorial. Small in numbers, impoverished in that great essential to a healthy and vigorous growth, brains, the wonder is "not that it lived so short, but that its career was so extended." Of Cushing it knew nothing, of Parliamentary procedure, of debate, of oratory, it was alike ignorant. But it learned—and like the peach in the tree of "Little Johnny and his sister Sue," it grew, it grew. And thereby hangs a tale, it grew too fast, its environments became too healthy, its food was too rich, things went beyond its infantile comprehension, it became bewildered, and at last, threw up its tiny little hands and returned to whence it came. The many examples set by its predecessors, and the warning that their various careers had given, had been unheeded and the inevitable occurred.

There is a moral lesson involved in this life, and death, that may be profitable to those discerning enough to read between the lines. An old saw admonishes us that a silk portmanteau cannot be produced from the aural appendage of the female consort of the *Hogus Americanus*, and the reader may draw his own inference. Over the grave of the Easton Association of Deaf-Mutes, we twine a wreath of immortelles and inscribe, in all sincerity, *Requiescat in pace*.

HYPO.

Baltimore.

A surprise masquerade party was tendered to Emma E. Hopkins at her residence two weeks ago. Some of the maskers displayed costumes that were unique and pretty. P. C. Boss represented a Clown; W. Feldpusch, an Irish Woman; Mr. Harris, a Negro; J. W. Briscoes, Uncle Sam; John Fowblis, Stranger; and Emma's uncle a Negro woman. All enjoyed the party.

Last Sunday evening, Frank Leitner announced to the deaf-mutes in Grace Episcopal Chapel that Mr. Tracy, a graduate of the National Deaf-Mute College, would lecture in this city on Friday evening next at 8 o'clock.

taking for his subject, "Societies for the Deaf." It is reasonable to suppose that there will be a large attendance.

The nephew of Mr. Jas. Wells, residing in New York, died lately. As Mr. Wells was not feeling well he did not attend the funeral, but his sister went up to that city. The deaf-mutes of Baltimore sympathize with them in their sad loss.

Western Ontario.

On the evening of December 1st, a pleasant event took place in Berlin, at Emil Gottlieb's place, the affair being the celebration of his birthday. After seven o'clock the deaf-mutes began to arrive, and showered upon him their wishes of many happy returns of the day. Those who were present were as follows: Andrew S. Waggoner, Charles Golds, William Rose, Henry Gottlieb (brother of the host), Mrs. Henry Gottlieb, Miss Lizzie Ringle and Miss Davey, the latter lady being a teacher of the deaf-mutes' Sunday class, and also two of Emil's aunts. Louis Koehler and Miss Katie Stemm were also invited, but both sent their excuses of absence on a plea of sickness, which was, of course, attributable to the cold weather. The feature of the evening was an oyster supper. Emil had brought two and a half quarts of bivalves, and directed his aunts to stew them up and furnish them in abundance to the guests. Messrs. Waggoner and Henry Gottlieb led the party in consuming the most number of platefuls, each having eaten three platefuls, and the latter, deciding to outdo his rival, was clamoring for more, but his boast was soon dampened, for the supply had run out, after the remaining party had their respective shares. Messrs. Golds and Rose took two platefuls each, and Mrs. Henry Gottlieb and Miss Ringle became slightly sick after having done their first platefuls, but both soon rallied, while Miss Davey had sufficient courage to consume two platefuls and came out none of the worse for it. When the merriment of this feast was over, the party indulged in several social games, such as "Catch Handkerchiefs" (four different), "Musical Game," "Love Letters," etc., until toward midnight, when they dispersed for home, tired and sleepy. It is needless to say that they had a considerably enjoyable time, and that the birthday of the host was the happiest throughout his twenty-four years. The two aunts of Emil well deserved credit and thanks for their kindness in allowing the free use of their cosy dwelling for the occasion.

A. S. Waggoner has complimented me with a photograph of himself dressed in his foot-ball suit with a foot-ball at his feet. It represents him standing inclined forward on his left foot, while his right foot has been lifted backward and is in the act of giving the ball a "kick-off." It is a very good picture.

John White left St. Mary's some months ago and obtained a position as painter in Port Huron, Mich., where it is supposed he is still working.

It is nonsense for the literary societies to take such absurd subjects for debate, as that regarding the failure of marriage, which was recently discussed by the Toronto Society when those participating possessed no experience in the connubial line. As the various societies throughout America are about now in full blast for the season of winter, I submit this good subject for debate to any of these societies—"Resolved, that the press is more beneficial than the platform for the welfare of deaf-mutes." I am in favor of the affirmative, but I would like to see how the matter is dealt with by other parties.

A. S. Waggoner contemplates going to Detroit for a visit during the Christmas holidays. What attraction makes him go there? At the same time last year he intended to go to Flint, Mich., but his "boss" did not permit him to go, and he stayed at home. He says he is pretty sure he will go this time.

James Duncan, of Stratford, reports that he has failed to receive any response to his invitation recently published in the *JOURNAL* to play a game of checkers by correspondence with him. Having seen the article in the Boston letter about Wm. Thorn, he wants to play by correspondence with him, if it is satisfactory to him. He offers to pay postage expenses for him in case Mr. Thorn beats him; if he does not know how to play in this way, he can acquaint himself with it by asking the leading players in Boston. Post cards are only used in this correspondence of playing, and it is possible to play two or three games at one time. Mr. Duncan had the honour of playing with H. Z. Wright, the champion of New England (better known in the checker circles as the "wizard of the board") when he was in Stratford last Spring on his playing tour through Canada. Only three games were played, and Mr. Wright won one of them and the other two were drawn.

This playing by correspondence will be very interesting to any player of checkers, and Mr. Duncan is anxious to get a chance to play with deaf-mutes, though it is quite easy for him to have that opportunity with many leading players who are not mutes themselves.

TIDINGS.

NOTICE.

Residents of Newark, N. J., and vicinity, are invited to Trinity Church next Sunday afternoon, December 28th, at three.

BOSTON.

Mr. C. L. Washburn on "Insects."

AN OLD MAN ABUSED.

Shavings.

(From our Boston Correspondent.)

In spite of a drenching rain storm, about twenty persons were present at Mr. C. L. Washburn's lecture in the Gallaudet Society's rooms last Wednesday evening. Half of the number came from far distant places. The gentleman referred to, graduated from the National Deaf-Mute College last summer. After spending his summer on the Pacific Coast, he came here to attend the Massachusetts Institution of Technology, where he is studying architecture. Since he came here, he has been a frequent caller at the literary and religious meetings of the Gallaudet Society in which he took a deep interest. As a proof of his interest, he accepted or offered to lecture.

It is regretted that those staying at home in Boston and vicinity were not so venturesome as those from far distant places, to go through the rain for the sake of getting more knowledge of "Insects" and their workings, which was the subject of the lecture. The subject may apparently be dry to many, but the lecture was not, for it was an interesting one, having accounts of wonders never heard before, such as spiders, which led to the invention of balloons and suspension bridges. With the aid of about eight charts on which he drew illustrations of some insects in colors, he was able to make his lecture clear, descriptive and interesting, and those present appreciated it very much.

Mr. Nathan P. Morse is a very old man, being about seventy-five years of age. He used to set types for Rand, Avery & Co., till recently when the firm failed, and on account of his age, he could not find a job elsewhere, so he went to live with his brother in Gloucester. Only a few weeks ago, a newspaper in that city reported that he while walking on the street was shamefully abused by some boys, and the law has intimated the boys that if this occurs again, they will find themselves before Judge Davis, who will see to it that they get their just deserts to the full extent of the law. This newspaper also appealed to any person who witnesses such contemptible conduct to do all within their power to assist Mr. Morse in bringing the cowardly fellows to justice.

Rev. P. W. Packard gave a very interesting discourse to the Boston Deaf-Mute Society. The text was Philippians ii., 12: "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." About twenty-five persons were present.

Mr. E. W. Frisbee is enlightening the deaf of Keene, N. H., on the Bible to-day.

As usual during Christmas season, business is rushing. The fact is that the ladies of the C. R. S. are making things for the Christmas Tree Party.

Mr. F. W. Bigelow has been kept continually at work all the time for three weeks, save when he eats his meals and sleeps. Yet he is not broken down. They say he has a wonderful constitution.

Mrs. Geo. Holmes has been seriously ill for some time, which required the services of a physician.

Mrs. A. W. Orent has been suffering with "spinal meningitis," and has been confined to her house for a few weeks, though she is able to walk about the house.

Miss Bell Flagg was given a surprise party, led by Mr. E. Duran, last Friday evening, at her house at 123 Pembroke Street. "Laurentius" was unable to get full particulars about the party. All the information he got was that the object of the party was to yet even with Miss Flagg for her surprise on Mr. Duran some time ago.

"Laurentius" called at the religious meeting of the Gallaudet Society this morning, for the first time in several weeks, and noticed an improvement in attendance in consideration of its being a prayer meeting, which, as usual, has small attendance. There were about thirty present.

Since the Society secured the services of good lecturers, and spoken of highly by outsiders, it has been getting popular. About ten applications for membership will be considered at the annual meeting of the Gallaudet Society, Wednesday evening, January 7th. All active members are requested to be present.

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Overdoing It.

Drummer—What do you mean by pounding on the door at this hour in the morning? I gave no order to be waked up.

Colored Porter—I knows dat, boss; but I spees yer to gib me half a dollar when you leabs de house, and I wanted to do sumfin to earn de money, so I jes pounded on yo' do' to make yer feel yo' wasn't bein' robbed.—*Louisville Courier Journal*.

A good New Year's present for your friend would be a year's subscription of the *DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL*.

Kansas Notes.

The station agent of the K. C. W. & N. W. Railway at Tonganoxie, Kan., is a brother-in-law of Wm. Butler, of Solomon City.

George McCullough is living in Saline County, we believe, where he is the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of land.

Miss Bessie Lawder is now living in Paola, Kan. She is one of the brightest graduates of the Illinois School.

As a hunter, Henry Siekel always brings in more rabbit scalps than all of the other fellows.

An Olathe man has patented a sleeping car. A great many people in that town have reduced repose to a science.

More women were elected to office in Kansas this Fall than ever before in the history of the State.

Jack rabbits are such a drug on the market at Wichita that people cannot be tempted to steal them. A dealer left a bunch of them out-doors every night for a week, hoping they would be taken, but the scheme proved a dismal failure.

Frank Connolly has silently and mysteriously disappeared from Kansas, or is keeping his whereabouts very secret.

The egg product of Barton County for the past year was 244,000 dozens, valued at \$21,600.05. There were 179,360 dozens of chickens, valued at \$27,589; while, of turkeys, ducks and geese, there were 33,050 head, valued at \$12,156.80, making the total annual receipts from poultry alone \$63,414.85.

Billy Boular, whose pedal accessories terminate at the knees, is now at his home in Atchison.

Prof. Jos. H. Burkhead is associated with a Kansas City house, receiving a large salary for his valuable services.

The brother and sisters of Pat Costello live on a farm near Easton, in Leavenworth County.

Prof. George Washington Chase was in Leavenworth some time ago, and called upon Henry Siekel and Frank Scott. Lack of time prevented his paying a visit to Charles Topf, of the Standard.

John Buckles, at one time foreman of the Institution shoe shop, is now reported to be at Soldier City, Kan., engaged in shoemaking.

Alfred Ireland, wife and little boy, are living on a farm near Holton, Kan. Al. was at one time a "devil" in the Star office, and handled the lye pot and ink keg in a way that no future "devil" can hope to imitate.

Rolly Baumgart has finished a fine barn, which is a massive structure of stone and oak. It is capable of housing 25 horses and storing 25 tons of hay. It is one of the finest we have seen.

A brave and noble young life went out when Charles L. Helmich died on the 20th, of October, of African fever, at a remote mission in the Sudan. There was something deeply pathetic in the close of this promising career.

His taking off seems like a needless sacrifice, but the way in which he perished sealed in a fitting manner his devotion to the cause to which he offered himself so cheerfully, not without a premonition of the fate which befell him. He was a young man who inspired the love of all who knew him, and his acquaintance throughout Kansas was quite extensive. He possessed a most attractive personality, and was filled with a generous enthusiasm which was contagious. It was the earnest desire of his friends that he should remain in Kansas, where the opportunities were offered to him for a career of great usefulness and honor, but the temptation to shirk what he regarded as a sacred duty was put resolutely behind him, and he went forward with intrepid faith to meet the hardships and vicissitudes of a life which proved to be much for his powers of physical endurance. He sleeps now in a distant land, and none of his kindred will ever look even upon the grave which enshrines his clay. But his moral heroism will be cherished in the memory of countless friends in Kansas who loved and honored him. We had the pleasure of making his acquaintance two years ago.

It is rumored that Herbert Johnson was married lately to a Miss Mosser, of St. Louis.

John Buckles was around among the deaf-mutes of Kansas City last week.

In marrying a bright and charming Kansas girl, Ed. Hatcher has only fulfilled his duty to society and has shown a willingness to assume a responsibility without which no man's life is complete. No man but a jaundiced cynic or a selfish poltroon will go through life shunning the ennobling power of matrimonial relation, and keeping aloof from the refining influences which cluster around the domestic hearthstone.

Frank Scott has decided to remain upon the farm, and not to live in the city.

The next debate on the roll of the Kansas Gallaudet Literary Society, will be, "Resolved, that hunting is more profitable and pleasurable than fishing."

The Martha Washington society has resolved that dish washing is better exercise than ironing. For real exercise, churning is warranted to knock out the most confirmed case of rheumatism.

Prof. Rogers celebrated his birthday on December 2d. To show the esteem in which he is held by his pupils, he was the recipient of some valuable presents.

Wm. Jeffers and wife, nee Hurt, formerly of Chautauqua County, Kan., are now living in Colorado.

Miss Alma Moore, the valedictorian of the class of '86 but now of Ohio, is associated with the *Women's Journal* of that State. Chas. Topf was salutatorian of the same class.

When Metcalf attempted to throw Harry White off the track, he found that he was butting his head against one of the immovable pillars of civilization.

Chox Tozz.

Dec. 11.

THE GALLAUDET HOME.

The father of Mike Bauer lately had an operation performed on his eyes at the Manhattan Hospital, in New York. Mike wishes his deaf-mute friends to know that he enjoyed a jolly good time visiting down in the big city last summer.

Mrs. O. D. M. Baker, two of her daughters, and a lady acquaintance dropped in to see Mrs. Nicholson one pleasant afternoon in the latter part of November.

On the morning of the first Sunday in Advent, Mr. J. W. Nelson gave the inmates a very interesting chapel service, and his text was selected from the twenty-fifth chapter of St. Matthew, 13th verse.

A short account of Thanksgiving Day here, written by one of the inmates, appeared in the *Poughkeepsie Eagle* of December 6th.

Dr. Cornell has been in attendance upon Mr. Graham several times, he being laid up with a severe cold.

The first snow-storm of this season fell Wednesday, the 3d inst., and since then we have had more snow.

Mrs. C. M. Nelson has returned from a very pleasant visit in Rome, N. Y. We understand that the pupils of the Central New York Institution, of which her son, Mr. E. B. Nelson, is the principal, are going to have an entertainment some time this winter, for the benefit of the Home.

Every deaf-mute in the State who can afford it should do something for sweet charity's sake.

A package of books in simple language, and with beautiful illustrations, entitled "Children's Half Hours with Jesus," were sent to the Home during Thanksgiving week.

Miss Fanny Jourdan, a friend of the matron, arrived from Danville, N. Y., Saturday morning, the 6th inst. Miss Jourdan looks somewhat like Mrs. Laura C. Searing, a talented semi-mute writer, better known in the world of literature as "Howard Glyndon."

As Prof. E. H. Currier found it impossible to be at the Home on Sunday, the 7th inst., in the morning, Mr. Nelson took his place in the chapel and preached from St. John, 1-6. The subject chosen was the "Heavenly Lamb."

One of the servants can use the double-hand alphabet, but we do not know how she learned it.

Some new rules have been put up in the supervisor's room.

The tenth of December was the anniversary of the late Rev. T. H. Gallaudet's birthday, and it happened to be the birthday of his grand-daughter, Mrs. Sarah M. Sherman, who was married two months ago.

From a letter received from Michigan last week, the writer learned that there is a deaf young woman by the name of Miss Tillie F. Warren living somewhere. She was born, brought up and educated in New York City, and lost her hearing at the age of twelve years, but she has not been able to walk for ten years. At one time, Miss Warren resided in Cayuga County, N. Y. Her father was a wealthy sea captain, but he lost all of his hard-earned fortune, and afterwards died at sea.

Edwin Palin's brother Thomas died of pneumonia in St. Catharine's Hospital in Brooklyn, on Sunday, the 7th inst. He was unmarried.

The winter evenings are pleasantly spent by some of the inmates in the library-room, where they read the newspapers and books, chat together, or play games.

Charles Oakes and Mike Bauer tramped three miles to the Falls before dinner Tuesday, the 9th inst, and the latter had some photographs taken.

Last Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. E. H. Parker and her son Grosvenor drove here from Poughkeepsie. Grosvenor is a bright little boy, and wants to learn how to spell on his fingers.

The inmates are jubilant over the thought of having a grand time on Christmas, for preparations are under way to that effect.

We wish the editor of the *JOURNAL* and its legion of readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year as this is our last letter of 1890, trusting that good, generous-hearted Santa Claus will not forget any of them.

LOUISA.

Rev. Mr. Orvis Dauter's Apointments.

Tuesday, January 6th, 1891—(The Epiphany) 7:30 p.m., Grace Church, Elmira, N. Y.

Wednesday, January 7—7:30 p.m., Christ Church, Binghamton.

Thursday, January 8th—7:30 p.m., Trinity Church, Utica.

Sunday, January 11th, 2:30 p.m., Zion's, Rome.

Monday, January 12th—7:30 p.m., St. Paul's, Syracuse.

Friday, January 16th—St. Peter's, Geneva.

Sunday, January 18th—3 p.m., St. Luke's, Rochester.

Sunday, January 25th, 3 p.m., St. James, Buffalo, N. Y.

DIRECTORY.

For the convenience of the public, are published in this column, in ALPHABETICAL ORDER, a list of Societies, Clubs and Associations of Deaf-Mutes.

ALL SOULS WORKING PEOPLE'S CLUB & CLERICAL LITERARY ASSOCIATION.

This club, organized on September 23d, 1890, and reorganized November 28th, 1891, is entirely non-sectarian, and any deaf person over eighteen years of age may join it by agreeing to pay a small sum of money monthly for its support. The purpose of the club is to supplement the instruction received while at school, by a course of lectures and other literary exercises, and the provision of reading matter of a suitable character. In addition, harmless and rational amusements are provided. The club has the use of the guild room, situated in the Church for the Deaf, Franklin Street, above Green. The officers of the club are: Rev. J. M. Koehler, *Ex-officio* Chairman; Rev. Jas. H. Clon, Vice-Chairman; Harry E. Stevens, President; Wm. G. Harrison, First Vice-President; Mrs. W. J. Syle, Second Vice-President; J. S. Reider, Secretary and Treasurer, whose address is No. 1308 Sumner Street; Mrs. J. S. Reider, Assistant Secretary; Wm. McKinney, Assistant Treasurer; and Wm. A. Miles, Sergeant-at-Arms. The club meets on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings.

APOLLO SOCIAL CLUB.

The object of the Apollo Social Club is to advance its members in social, intellectual and physical welfare. The club occupies a whole five-room house at 1392 Washington Avenue, Phila., and its members are at full liberty to use the house at all hours. Business meetings on the first Saturday evening of every month. The officers for 1890-92 are: President, Wm. Henry Lipsett; Vice-President, Henry J. Seider; Secretary, J. E. Lewis; Assistant Secretary, J. A. Turner; and Treasurer, E. D. Wilson. All communications should be addressed to the secretary at 1392 Washington Avenue, Phila.

BALTIMORE DEAF-MUTE SOCIETY.

The Society holds its meetings every alternate Wednesday evening at the Primitive Baptist Church, on Madison St., one door east of Calvert St. Its object is for improving the moral condition of the deaf-mute community, and will be announced by the President from time to time. The officers of the Society are: Frank Leitner, President; George W. Ross, Vice-President; John H. Brown, Secretary; Jas. H. Mooney, Treasurer; and J. W. L. Unsworth, Sergeant-at-Arms. The Secretary's address is No. 523 Port St., Baltimore, Md.

BROOKLYN SOCIETY OF DEAF-MUTES.

The Brooklyn Society of Deaf-Mutes meets every Wednesday evening, at 7:15 o'clock, at Tuttle Hall, 198 Grand St., Brooklyn, N. Y. The officers of the Society are: President, Thomas Godfrey; First Vice-President, Alexander McArthur; Second Vice-President, Julius Wollman; Secretary, James S. Orr; Treasurer, Charles T. Thompson; and Sergeant-at-Arms, Mr. Thompson. All communications should be addressed to the Secretary, James S. Orr, 46 Wierfield Street, Brooklyn.

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION.

This association is a branch of the Y. M. C. A. of San Francisco. President, Theodore Grady; Vice-President, Koonstut Selig; Secretary, Wm. H. Winslow; Treasurer, Henry J. Moore. Officers are as follows: President, Mrs. F. W. Bigelow; Vice-President, Mrs. L. A. Blanchard; Treasurer, Mrs. A. W. Wood; Secretary, Mrs. Rhoda Barnard; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Wm. Lynde; Chairman, Mrs. Hattie Wheeler; Miss Pauline Acheson. All communications to be addressed to Mrs. Rhoda Barnard, 25 Deatur Street, Cambridgeport, Mass.

CINCINNATI SOCIETY.

The Anderson Society dates its organization from 1879, and has for its objects the mutual improvement and social enjoyment of its members and their friends in general. It holds meetings in Anderson Hall, No. 192 West Fifth Street, every Saturday at eight o'clock p.m., excepting the business meeting specified on the fourth Saturday of each month. Ardine Rember is President, Wilshire Oxley, Recording Secretary, and Mrs. Alfred A. Bierlein, Corresponding Secretary. All communications to be addressed to the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Alfred A. Bierlein, 88 Celestial Street, Cincinnati, O.

DEAF-MUTES UNION LEAGUE OF NEW YORK CITY.

This organization is one formed for the purpose of bringing into closer intercourse the former students of the Institution for the Improved Instruction of Deaf-Mutes of the City of New York, and to disseminate such views and ideas to their welfare. It meets twice a month, and the President is Mr. Samuel Frankheim. Communications are to be addressed to the Secretary, Joseph Yankauer, 327 East 4th St., New York City.

EASTON ASSOCIATION.

Meets on first Thursday of each month, at Trinity Chapel. Its object is of a diversified character and covers a wide scope. Visitors always cordially welcomed. Alex. L. Pach, President; C. Delany, Vice-President; S. K. Price, Treasurer; Elmer Will, Secretary. Address, 308 Ferry St., Easton, Pa.

GALLAUDET SOCIETY, OF BOSTON.

The Gallaudet Society for Deaf-Mutes (formerly the "Cambridge Society") holds its meetings in the basement of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cortes St., Boston, every Sunday, at 10:45 A.M. Rev. Dr. Gallaudet's eulogies appear on the first and third Sundays of each month. All are welcome. Literary exercises once a month. Lectures, social gatherings, etc., occasionally. The officers for 1890 are: E. W. Frisbee, President; J. W. Frisbee, Vice-President; Albert S. Tufts, Secretary; Frank B. Roberts, Treasurer; and Geo. A. Wise, Librarian. Communications are to be addressed to the Secretary, Cortes Street, Boston, care of the Church of the Good Shepherd.

GERMAN CHARITY SOCIETY.

Meets at Germania Hall, 46 Avenue A, between 3d & 4th Street, New York City. President, S. Werner; Vice-President, H. Eckert; Secretary, M. Schoenfeld; Treasurer, Charles Haezel. The Secretary's address is 320 East 51st Street.

GRANITE STATE MISSION.

The Granite State Deaf-Mute Mission meets every year in different parts of New Hampshire, and elects its officers every other year. The object of the mission is to promote the moral welfare of the deaf-mute in the State. The officers are as follows: Willie E. White, President; 53 Arlington St., Nashua; Varnum B. Wright, Secretary; Nashua; Willie A. Deering, Treasurer, Pittsfield.

THE CHICAGO DEAF-MUTE SOCIETY.

The Chicago Deaf-Mute Society was organized in the month of September, 1878, for the purpose of promoting the moral welfare of the mute community. Meetings are held on the last Saturday of each month at residences of its members. The officers are as follows: Champion L. Buchan, President; Mrs. Edwin D. Bowser, Vice-President; John R. Cotton, Treasurer; Edward Holmes, Secretary. The Secretary's address is 281 Centre Street.

ST. LOUIS DEAF-MUTE CLUB.

The St. Louis Deaf-Mute Club holds its meeting at 919 Olive Street, Room 13, 3d floor, in the Empire Building. Regular business meeting on the second Thursday in each month, for business only. The purposes of the club are principally of a social nature, but the literary advancements of St. Louis ladies and gentlemen will not be neglected. Lectures will be announced by the President from time to time, and all are welcomed on such occasions. Strangers in town are cordially invited to drop in at any time of the day, and make themselves at home. Officers: President, William T. Campbell; Vice-President, Louis Jacoby; Secretary, William E. Goss; Treasurer, John E. Campbell; Sergeant-at-Arms, William A. Hammer; Trustees, William F. Stockick and Marcus H. Kern. The Secretary's address is No. 1014 N. 18th Street.

THE LOS ANGELES ASSOCIATION.

Services every Sunday, at 3 p.m., at the Guild Room of the St. Paul's Church, Olive Street, Los Angeles. Objects: 1. The holding of religious services in the sign-language. 2. The social and intellectual improvement of deaf-mutes. 3. Assisting deaf-mutes to obtain employment at their trades. 4. Visiting and aiding them in sickness. 5. Giving information and advice where necessary. Officers: President, H. Goss; Secretary, Lewis; Vice-President, Alex. Houghton; Secretary-Treasurer and Missionary, Thos. Wild. The post-office address of Mr. Thomas Wild is Station B, Los Angeles, Cal., to whom all communications should be addressed.

THE MANHATTAN LITERARY ASSOCIATION, OF NEW YORK CITY.

The Manhattan Literary Association meets every Thursday evening at 8 p.m., in the basement of St. Ann's Church for Deaf-Mutes, West 15th St., near 5th Avenue. Its regular business meetings are held every first Thursday of each month, debates every second, and lectures every third. Its object is to improve the moral, intellectual and social welfare of its members. Its officers are: Chas. J. LeClercq, President; S. P. Cornelius, Vice-President; T. W. Haight, Secretary; Jacobus J. Goss, Treasurer; Alex. J. Laing, Sergeant-at-Arms. All correspondence should be addressed to the Secretary, 515 West 37th Street, New York City.

THE NEW ENGLAND GALLAUDET ASSOCIATION OF DEAF-MUTES.

The New England Gallaudet Association of Deaf-Mutes, named in honor of Thomas H. Gallaudet, is now officered by Edwin W. Frisbee, of Everett, Mass., President; Frank W. Bigelow, of Chelsea, Mass., Vice-President; George C. Sawyer, of Chelsea, Mass., Secretary; Levi A. Lester, of Providence, R. I., Treasurer. State Directors: For Maine, Fred. Flynn, of Bangor, Me.; for New Hampshire, William A. Donnelly, of Woonsocket, R. I. For any information, write to the Secretary, 88 Addison St., Chelsea, Mass., with stamp enclosed for reply.

THE BAY STATE CHRISTIAN MISSION.

This Mission is for the intellectual, moral, and religious welfare of deaf-mutes in those places where their numbers make it advisable to encourage the formation of Union Societies, for the mutual benefit of all, in their respective localities, to interest all friends of humanity and Christianity in their behalf; to assist in giving extra services to such local Union Societies, which are in need of more services than they can maintain themselves; to offer an additional or extended help to any independent local society, with their co-operation, to strengthen the ties of Christian and ministerial brotherhood; and to discuss subjects pertaining to sacred ministry. The officers are: Wm. Frisbee, President; Wm. Bailey, Treasurer; and A. C. Hargrave and H. P. Chapman, Executive Committee.

THE NEW JERSEY LITERARY ASSOCIATION.

Meets every two weeks, Thursday evening, at 8 sharp, in the Rector Street Chapel, in Rector Street near Park Street, Newark, N. J. The officers of the Association are: President, L. Brede; Vice-President, Wm. Caldwell; Secretary, J. D. Ward; Treasurer, Ellis Bourfield; Sergeant-at-Arms, John P. Cotter.

THE TROY LITERARY SOCIETY.

The society holds its meetings every Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m., in the Guild room of St. Paul's Church, cor. 3d and State Streets. Its regular meeting for ladies and gentlemen are held, second and fourth Saturdays of each month. The object is the moral improvement of its members by lectures, debates and literary exercises. The officers of the society are President, J. J. Ritter, and Sergeant-at-Arms, Jeremiah Drum. It has also a Bible Class which meets in the Guild room every Sunday at 3 o'clock, p.m., under the leadership of Chairman H. A. Burt. All the deaf-mutes and strangers in town and its vicinity are invited to drop in at the Bible Class and regular meetings. The Secretary's address is 420 First Ave., West Troy, N. Y.

THE KANSAS CITY DEAF-MUTE LITERARY & DEBATING SOCIETY.

The Kansas City Deaf-Mute Literary and Debating Society hold their meetings every Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m., at the Christian Church, corner of Eleventh and Locust Streets. The object of the society is to promote the moral welfare of the mute community. The officers are C. S. Minor, President; E. B. Sprague, Vice-President; John L. Laughlin, Secretary; Frank Laughlin, Treasurer. All strangers of good behavior are invited to attend. Address all communications to Frank Laughlin, 636 Euclid Avenue, Kansas City, Mo.

WESTERN PENNA. PRAYER MEETING OF PITTSBURGH.

The Deaf-Mute Prayer Meeting meets every Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m., in the Young Men's Christian Association, 650 Broadway Avenue near Wood Street. The deaf-mutes also hold Sabbath meetings in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, on 8th street near Duquesne Way St., every Sunday afternoon at two o'clock. Strangers and deaf-mutes in general are cordially invited. All communications relating to the Young Men's Christian Association should be sent to the Committee, H. H. B. McMaster, No. 58 Pride St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

THE SALEM SOCIETY.

The Salem Society of Deaf-Mutes is an unsectarian society, organized in Sept. 23, 1874, and occupies a whole building of four rooms, No. 2 rear of Mansfield Block. Divine services, every Sunday, and prayer meeting every Friday evenings. The members are at liberty to use it at any time of day or evening in the week for reading, etc. The officers of the Society for 1890 are William Bailey, President; Mrs. Persis S. Bowden, Secretary; Henry A. Chapman, Treasurer; and Samuel Hamilton, and Frank Nolen, Directors.

TOUSLEY SOCIETY OF DEAF-MUTES.

The Tousley Society meets every Sunday at 10:30 A.M., at 70 East Seventh Street. Its object is to promote the moral welfare of the mute community. The officers are Anthony Shroeder, President; De Witt Tousley, Vice-President; Mrs. B. Klage, Treasurer; John Riley, Secretary. Business meetings or lectures and story telling, may be held on any week evening by a vote. Deaf-mute strangers of good habits in general are cordially invited to make themselves at home. The Secretary's address is 70 East 7th Street, St. Paul, Minn.

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